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## Dinner welcomes back students

By Sabrina Frailich

STAFF WRITER

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The Study Abroad Center held a Welcome Back Dinner Thursday for students who were abroad last semester in the Lundring Event Center.

"The purpose of the event is for students who were abroad last semester to come back together. There will also be a speaker on reverse culture shock," said Karissa Faulconer of the Study Abroad Center. "It's also a way for the students to share stories with one another and find a common ground."

When the guests arrived at the event, they made a name tag for themselves that included the location of where they studied abroad.

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Kingsmen Basketball takes on defending SCI-AC champions tonight. See page 10.



"Going abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and it's different than anything you can do in college."

Sarah Kasten

The students went everywhere from Sweden, Japan, Australia, Mexico and London to Spain.

As more and more people started to come into the event, there were stories flying everywhere and there was excitement in everyone's voices.

There was a look of refreshment and glow on the student's faces who had just returned, from their semester away.

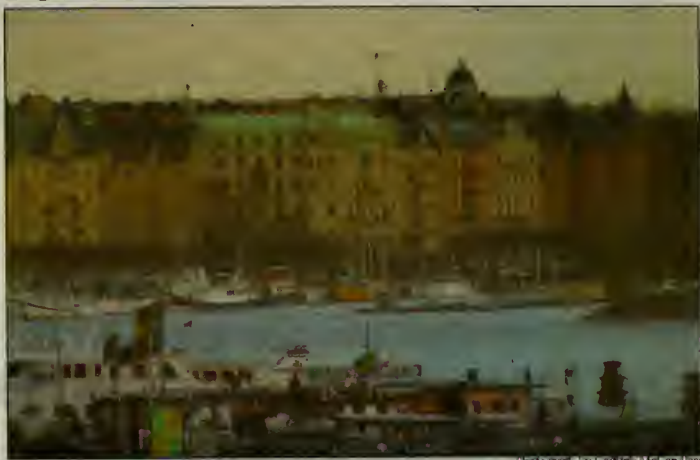
Some of the students brought artifacts they got to help share their different experiences.

Different languages were being spoken although everyone was back in the United States.

"I would go back in a heartbeat, and I'm excited to hear everyone's stories," said Caitlin McCandless, who spent a semester in Sweden.

The consensus in the room was that no one wanted to come home.

Liz Norris spent one



A picture of Stockholm from McCandless' study abroad visit in Sweden.

semester in Spain, and she said getting there was great.

"Not a lot of people liked the food, but I loved it. I would recommend going to Spain especially. It is such a different culture," she said. "The only bad part of coming home was having the travel bug, and there isn't anyone that can understand what it's like to be there."

When the 45 students were asked to stand up and tell room a favorite memory in which students have studied story from their semester, the responses were just as diverse as all the different countries that the students studied in.

"I learned a lot from my teachers and gained confidence and independence."

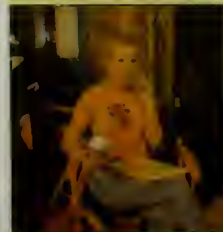
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The church McCandless attended while in Sweden.

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their experience."

Coming home from their semester away was easy for some, but for others like Amy Vogt who spent her semester in Australia, it was not that great.

"Coming back was hard, I wanted to stay longer. I went home and just calmed down; I was exhausted from traveling," Vogt said.

None of the students who studied abroad felt any kind of reverse culture shock, they

were all just tired and wanted to relax.

"Going abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and it's different than anything you can do in college," Kasten said.

To learn more about studying abroad stop by the Study Abroad Center in Nelson 102 to research programs and to pick up an application.

Students can also contact them at (805) 493-3750.

## ASCLU prepares for new semester

By Christina Duggan

STAFF WRITER

ASCLU began the spring semester with the intent of meeting the social, safety, spiritual and academic needs of the students of California Lutheran University.

Elections for 2007-08 are near and ASCLU is starting the process of keeping students involved.

"I would like to encourage every student to at least consider running for a position," said Autumn Malloy, president of ASCLU.

Students interested in running for an office must receive an election packet starting Tuesday, in the SUB and then attend the

mandatory meeting on Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. in the SUB. Executive Cabinet elections are Feb. 14-15, and general elections will be held in March.

"If [students] have something they would like to change or improve, they should take the steps to do so," Malloy said. "This can happen by running for ASCLU, voicing their opinions to elected members or joining other campus organizations."

Five positions are available during the elections in February for the Executive Cabinet, including president and directors for Senate and Programs Board.

ASCLU is split up into two houses comprised of students. Each house has a director, recorder, transfer and commuter

representative and four representatives from each class.

Senate addresses the concerns of students and makes fiscal decisions that will have an impact on CLU for at least three years.

These eight cabinet members pass resolutions which affect the university as a whole and the students they represent.

Programs Board members plan and run Club Lu events, Homecoming in the fall and Spring Formal.

Club Lu is an event organized by the 10 students on Programs Board in order to give students a safe Friday night activity.

"The first thing people can do is vote. They should also find a candidate they support and help

them campaign," said Katherine Mahlberg, ASCLU controller.

During the spring semester, students can expect Programs Board to plan Club Lu events, including ice skating, donkey basketball, roller-skating and play for pay.

"I love Club Lu, Spring Formal was a blast last year," sophomore Josefina Lopez said. "Who doesn't love Disneyland?"

Senate members are considering improvements on the SUB, unveiling new mascot costumes and naming university houses.

Members of the Senate allocate student fees to fund computers in the SUB, library improvements and campus beautification projects.

"Whatever the project or program may be," Malloy said, "they are taken on in the best interest of the student body at the time."

ASCLU can be accredited with changes and events in the CLU community life.

Students are the reason for all actions from both Programs Board and Senate.

More information about ASCLU is at [www.callutheran.edu Web site](http://www.callutheran.edu/Web site).

"Students pay \$200 each year in student fees and they should care how their money is spent. Students should also take ownership of their CLU experience and strive to create a strong campus community," Mahlberg said.

## Next year plans are ready at the Study Abroad Center

By Clair Tenney

STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University's Study Abroad Center is already gearing up for next year.

The fall semester study abroad deadline is quickly approaching with applications due Feb. 28.

The United States Senate declared 2006 to be the "year of study abroad."

"We saw a lot of heightened interest in students at CLU and prospective students," said Lisa Loberg, director of Study Abroad.

There are 47 CLU students studying abroad this semester in 13 locations including Spain, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Thailand, Italy, Australia, Washington D.C., Austria, England, Semester at Sea, Czech Republic, Argentina and Iceland.

In the 2006 year, the Study Abroad Center plans to build on the momentum of the year of

study abroad and strengthen their existing partnerships Loberg said.

Students who choose to enroll with one of CLU's partner affiliates maintain enrollment at CLU while abroad.

Transfer credit is guaranteed, and with departmental approval, courses can satisfy major, minor or core requirements.

CLU processes state and federal financial aid, however CLU scholarships cannot be used for the term.

Partner affiliate programs include: American Institute for Foreign Study, Central College Abroad, Institute for American Universities, France, Studio Art Centers International in Florence, International Studies Abroad and 12 other programs.

"We have seen an increased interest in non-traditional Study Abroad Programs this year such as destinations to Thailand and Argentina," Loberg said.

Europe is the most popular with five CLU students partici-

pating this semester.

Loberg recommends that students begin to explore programs up to one year in advance and make their final decisions one semester prior.

CLU's mission statement is to, "educate leaders for a global society."

The Study Abroad Center helps students to reach this goal and to substantially increase the number of students who go abroad each semester, in the process.

"The more students that study abroad the more enriched the campus becomes," Loberg said. "Students who study abroad are transformed. They come back more focused, confident, self assured and stronger students. Many students who go abroad have a new-found interest in graduate school, international degrees and become leaders on the CLU campus."

Junior Jessica Newville spent the fall 2006 semester studying abroad in Guanajuato, Mexico.

"[It is] an experience of a lifetime," she said. "When else are you going to take four months off and live in another country?"

The Study Abroad Center has many resources, locations and advisors.

"The experience taught me that I can do anything I set my mind to," Newville said. "I thought I would never be able to learn how to speak Spanish, but by the time it was time to go home I was really comfortable speaking to native speakers and having a conversation with a random person in Spanish."

Students who are interested in studying abroad are encouraged to start exploring their options as soon as possible.

"The American culture is so fast-paced and uptight and stressed out," Newville said. "In Mexico you just have to learn to relax and slow down."

Junior Ross Gracia spent the fall 2006 semester studying abroad in London, England.

"The entire semester was pretty much a highlight," Gracia said. "I was able to travel every weekend and had enough free time to immerse myself in the culture."

This semester, the office will be hosting information centers in dorms as well as setting up information tables in front of the cafeteria.

"I learned that Europeans don't really hate Americans. Studying abroad shouldn't be something you are afraid of or intimidated by," Gracia said. "It is a chance to explore the world and is definitely worth it."

On Feb. 20, the American Institute for Foreign Study and Semester at Sea will have visiting representatives in the Mount Clef lounge at 7 p.m.

There will be an information table set up in front of the cafeteria Feb. 7 for Australia and New Zealand, and Mar. 8, Central College Abroad will be visiting the campus.

### Learn to Dance!

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## Gradquest provides helpful information

By Kristina Victoria

STAFF WRITER

Graduate and Adult Programs held an informational meeting, Gradquest, last Wednesday on the Oxnard Campus.

The night aimed to provide information to potential California Lutheran University students looking to attend any of the graduate programs or the six Adult Evening Degree Programs CLU offers.

The ADEP programs are accounting, business management, computer science, computer information systems, liberal studies and organizational leadership. To learn more about the ADEP and graduate programs, interested people can go to [www.clunet.edu](http://www.clunet.edu), or go to an informational meeting such as gradquest.

Gradquest was structured in a two-part seminar format.

The first part was designed to acquaint the potential students with the graduate and ADEP curriculum offered at CLU.

The second part had the

potential students divided according to which program they wish to possibly attend.

Once divided, the potential students attended an informational seminar specific to their intended program.

Anita Hanney, a graduate administration counselor for MBA and MPPA degrees at CLU, directed the first seminar.

She presented a PowerPoint that covered many aspects of CLU that potential students inquire about.

Her presentation which told the potentials why they should choose CLU, described the learning environment, the financial options and career services available while explaining CLU's state of the art technology and facilities, at the Thousand Oaks campus and the satellite campuses.

CLU's graduate program and ADEP are able to accommodate the busy schedules of its students.

It is easily accessible and has free parking at all its campuses including the main Thousand

Oaks campus and the satellite campuses in Woodland Hills and Oxnard.

The satellite campuses do not offer the same variety of classes as the Thousand Oaks campus, although, each campus is fully equipped with the same state of the art technology which includes wireless Internet access to all information databases.

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Whitney and Chris Ganczewski are the living embodiment of Hanney's statement.

They came to the informational meeting to offer testimony to the potential students.

After their testimony during the first part of the seminar, Whitney and Chris Ganczewski made themselves, available to answer any personal questions individuals had regarding what it was like to be a student in the ADEP program.

The husband and wife team chose CLU's ADEP curriculum for their undergraduate degrees. Currently, they are both enrolled in CLU's MBA graduate program.

"I chose CLU because I wanted a kind of campus experience that I never had," Whitney Ganczewski said, "and the staff is good at sitting you down and letting you know where you are and how to get to where you want to go."

The Ganczewskis said they enjoyed the small class size of

20-30 people offered by the ADEP program.

They felt as if they had a chance to get to know their professors and for their professors to get to know them.

"I'll never forget when we missed a class and it was like the second week of classes. This class was only once a week and for some reason, I don't know, maybe we forgot, we didn't go."

That night the professor noticed we weren't there and during the class break had someone from the ADEP office call us," Chris Ganczewski said. "It really shows you the quality of the customer service."

The Ganczewskis not only praised CLU's programs for its customer service but also for the professors and the quality of classes.

"The professors are very qualified with real world experience," Chris Ganczewski said.

"For me it's been a very quality education," said Whitney Ganczewski. "I feel as if I can compete with anyone from another university."

## Psychology program offers experience

By Nicole Nathanson

STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University offers a master of science degree in clinical psychology and counseling psychology.

Individuals who decide they would rather work with the supervision of a licensed practitioner or go on to obtain their doctorate would want a degree in clinical psychology.

Prospective students who want to open up their own practice should obtain a master's of science in counseling psychology.

Upon deciding a chosen degree, deciding on where to obtain that degree can be certainly overwhelming.

At CLU, a small student teacher ratio and a highly-certified faculty encourage individual attention and a supportive learning environment.

In addition to having a relationship with faculty members, students also become extremely supportive of one another.

In order to maintain small class sizes, admissions are very selective in choosing potential candidates for either program.

"Other psychology programs that don't place an emphasis on small class sizes hinder the development because students are less likely to become engaged and get involved," said Stephanie Mercer, a graduate admissions counselor at CLU.

In 2005, the acceptance rate

was 3 to 1.

To maintain a small class environment, each program accepts on average between 20 and 25 candidates.

In addition to a small class size and the support of a highly-certified faculty, the combination of the theory and practice method give students the opportunity to put to use what they have learned and be that much more prepared for when they graduate.

Mercer said she believes the application of this method to be one of the most beneficial aspects in coming to CLU.

Natalie Sylvester, a senior, is

considering pursuing her graduate degree in counseling psychology here at CLU.

"Having the opportunity to work with the counseling center that is directly on the campus and not having to research internships is really convenient," Sylvester said.

Christina Anderson, a senior at the UC Santa Barbara, discovered CLU at a grad fair and is considering applying for the Clinical Psychology program.

Upon completion of obtaining a counseling in psychology degree, students are required to participate in a practicum, which

is a total of 150 hours of supervised counseling.

The newly-remodeled school and community counseling center gives graduate students the opportunity of completing their practicum hours on the campus.

After deciding that CLU is where you want to attend, the next step is figuring out the logistics of how to pay, and this can be mind numbing.

Although there is less aid for graduate students, there are still many alternatives.

One way that a graduate student can help fund their education is applying for graduate

assistantships and graduate scholarships.

If accepted into the graduate assistantship program CLU will pay for one unit for every 40 hours worked in the counseling center, however a student is not able to receive more than five graduate assistantship units per semester.

In addition, prospective graduate students should file a fee application for student aid, regardless if they are going to accept the loans or not.

This program offers experience and provides an environment for hands-on learning.

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## Events

### WEDNESDAY

January 31

- **Morning Service**  
Samuelson Chapel, 8 a.m.
- **Chapel Service**  
Samuelson Chapel, 10:10 a.m.
- **Kickboxing**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.
- **Martial Arts/Self-Defense**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- **Men's Basketball vs. Claremont-Mudd Scripts**  
Gilbert Arena, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY

February 1

- **DAFFODIL DAYS**  
SUB
- **Corporate Leaders Breakfast**  
Lundring Events Center, 7:30 a.m.
- **Yogo**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.
- **Kickboxing**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- **Nancy Rawles Dramatic Reading**  
Lundring Events Center, 7 p.m.
- **Women's Basketball vs. Claremont-Mudd Scripts**  
Gilbert Arena, 7:30 p.m.

- **The NEED - Performer Jill Cohn**  
SUB, 10 p.m.

### FRIDAY

February 2

- **Last Day to Apply with SSS**  
SSS office
- **League Sport Sign-ups (lost day)**  
SUB front desk
- **Nancy Rowles Writing Workshop**  
Humanities 119, 10 a.m.
- **Residence Assistant Selection Interest Session**  
Nygreen 2, 10a.m.
- **Yogo**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.
- **Pilates**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- **Common Ground Communion**  
Samuelson Chapel, 9:11 p.m.

### SATURDAY

February 3

- **Baseball vs. Greensboro (NC)(2)**  
Sparky Field, 11 a.m.
- **Softball vs. USC Club team**  
Sparky Field 12/2 p.m.
- **Piano Recital - Dorothy Schechter**  
Preus-Brandt Forum, 7:30 p.m.
- **100 Days Party**  
Elephant Bar, Simi Valley, 9 p.m.

### SUNDAY

February 4

- **Lord of Life Worship Service**  
Samuelson Chapel, 6:15 p.m.
- **Residence Assistant Selection interest sessions**  
Nygreen 3, 6 p.m.

### MONDAY

February 5

- **SEND A VALENTINE!**  
SUB
- **Kickboxing**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.
- **Martial Arts/Self-Defense**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- **Cardio Hip Hop**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 7 p.m.
- **Residence Assistant Selection Interest Sessions**  
Nygreen 2, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY

February 6

- **ASCLU Mandatory Election**  
SUB, 5 p.m.
- **Residence Assistant Selection**  
Nygreen 3, 6 p.m.
- **Pilates**  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- **"Delaying the Real World"**  
Lundring Events Center, 7 p.m.
- **Young Alumni Success Stories**  
Nelson Room, 7:30 p.m.

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January 31, 2007

The Echo 5

## Campus rock concert draws a crowd

By Aarika Lim  
STAFF WRITER

Rock n roll took over the old gym on Jan. 25 with California Lutheran University's first major concert of the semester. It was a full evening of music with off-campus performers Jim Bianco, The Drams and headliner Will Hoge.

The show kicked off as Bianco and his band took the stage. Based out of Hollywood, Bianco described their music as, "The Muppet Band with a sarcastic Cookie Monster on lead and Animal on the drums."

The band, which at one point performed among the audience with a guitar and accordion, produced a big band sound with only three people.

"It was fun; I really liked their energy and they were good with the audience," junior Kelli Garretson said.

Students sat patiently through Texas-based band, The Drams, as they played their 40-minute set.

"I've only played in a gym three times in my life. The first was when I was 16...We were horrible...Here's to hoping we're better tonight," Brant Best, lead guitarist said.

Despite the two entertaining opening acts, it was clear

that the audience was waiting for Hoge.

"I saw posters up, wanted to go with my friends and get away from studying, so I decided to check it out," junior, Silje Gruner said.

Other students did research before deciding to attend the event.

"I checked [Will Hoge] out on iTunes and thought [he] sounded ok," sophomore Ashley Plough said.

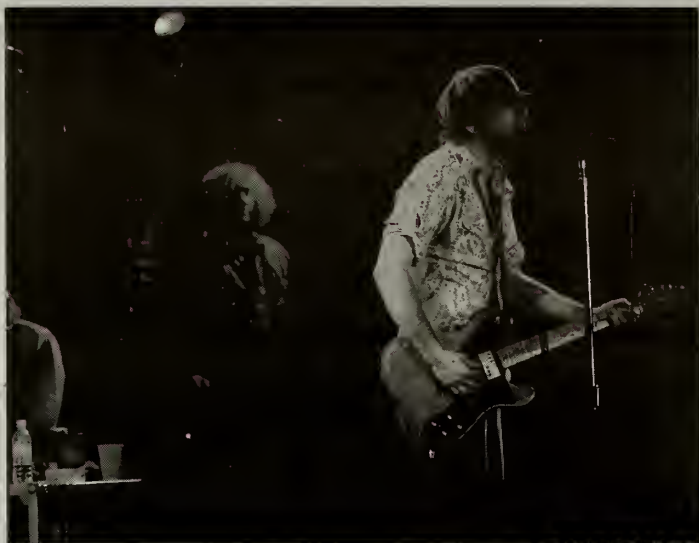
After two hours of anticipation, Hoge and his four-member band finally came off their tour bus and took their turn on stage. Based out of Nashville, Hoge is on tour through February promoting their record "The Man Who Killed Love," released in March 2006.

"We have a live record out in February and if you think that's exciting, just wait," Hoge said. "We also have a new studio album out in the summer."

While their guitar leads, stage presence and cohesiveness as a band made the audience get up on their feet, Hoge's raw voice and good looks made others swoon.

"They should sell posters of Will Hoge," Garretson said.

After a 70-minute set and



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Performer Will Hoge entertained California Lutheran University students with his rock and roll sound.

continuous applause from the audience, Hoge came back to play two encore songs, one of which is the last track on their most recent album.

"It was nice to play at your pretty campus and eat your cafeteria food," Hoge said.

Interest in future on-campus concerts was talked about as soon as the event ended.

"I enjoyed it thoroughly, it was a really good idea," junior Johanna Peterson said. "I think this needs to be more a regular thing, like once a semester."

While the turnout was not as high as many had hoped for, those who did attend were treated to an energetic rock concert.

"A lot of students missed out on this great CLU event. Will Hoge had a good rock and roll sound, and he rocked my Thursday night," junior Katie Mahlberg said.

To learn more about Will Hoge and hear his music, visit [www.willhoge.com](http://www.willhoge.com) or [www.myspace.com/willhoge](http://www.myspace.com/willhoge).

## Rim Fusion expands normal cafeteria selection

By Lorrie Brown  
CALENDAR EDITOR

There are two flights of stairs to descend before reaching the most colorful corner of the commons, known as Rim Fusion. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, during lunch, the Rim Fusion stir-fry is open for orders.

The international entrees created here are tasty and hot out of the pan. The vegetables offer a wide range of flavor and choice including, green and brown onions, garlic, Vietnamese chile pepper, mushrooms, mini corn, bell peppers, carrots and broccoli. Meat choices include chicken, sometimes shrimp and steak with the occasional pasta, all sautéed by California Lutheran University's "Stir-fry guy" formerly known as the "Pasta guy," Terrence Loughran.

"Rim Fusion" began six years ago to create something fresh and hot for the students and something that would allow the students to 'build-your-own' entrée," said Martin of Sodexo. "Terrence is always good, the food is always hot, good and consistent."

Many students at CLU visit

the cafeteria just for Rim Fusion and do not feel the quality of the food offered in the cafeteria would be the same without it.

"It would be a loss [if Loughran left] because he does his job and he does it well," said Theresa 'Teri' Barnett, cafeteria safety coordinator.

Loughran has been cooking at CLU for eight years and is an Army veteran who served in the United States military for 11 years. This is possibly where he learned his intense concentration and dedication that are reflected in his face while juggling students, vegetables and hot pans.

"He does a good job," a Sodexo representative said, "and he likes the students."

Even if students do not care for stir-fried delights, it is quite entertaining to watch Loughran take three orders at a time, frying food in three woks, prepping various condiments and wiping down the pans, without getting orders mixed up, while being courteous with a smile.

Each student is greeted with "Hi, what can I get for you today?" Many students stand and watch him in action with awe.

He performs this job made



Photograph by Lorrie Brown

California Lutheran University's beloved "Stir-fry Guy" hard at work in the cafeteria.

for two with a quick flip of his wrist.

"Do you ever see him sitting on his laurels?" Barnett said. "No, he is persistent and a very hard worker, he never stops and has energy I wish I had."

During summers he moonlights for the Spanish Hills Country Club in Camarillo.

"I love it here because of the job satisfaction I get, and the kids seem polite," Loughran said.

In addition to 'Rim Fusion,' this dynamic frying professional is a major contributor to the Friday night theme dinner and the Saturday night dinner.

"He's a 'go-getter'," Barnett said, "and he gets the job done."

If students are seeking a healthier alternative for meals, they may want to consider the fresh and entertaining benefits of 'Rim Fusion.'

To add meal plan dollars, bonus points or extra money to a CLU card students should visit the Sodexo office located in the Commons.



## Campus Quotes

### If you were an element, what would you be and why?

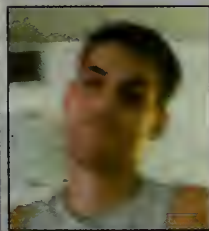


**Leon Townsend, 2008**

"Earth, because that's where it all comes together."

**Andrew Jensen, 2009**

"Fire, because I am unpredictable."



**Andy Meier, 2008**

"Water, because I make it rain."

**Jake Cousineau, 2009**

"Wind, because you get to travel."



**Alison Larson, 2010**

"Earth, because I like Nature."



**Sean Pelton, 2009**

"Water, because it comes in a lot of different forms, like oceans, rain and faucets."



## First Club Lu of 2007 is a success

By Ariel Collins

STAFF WRITER

ASCLU kicked off the new semester with their first Club Lu event, "Howl at the Moon."

"Howl at the Moon" is a show by the duo "Blazing Pianos," two performers who can play virtually any song on their pianos. All songs are played and sung are requested by the members of an audience.

"Hoping this event goes well, we are using a much better facility so we are hoping to beef up the area, setting a high standard of high quality Club Lu events," Programs Board's Senior Representative Andrea Stenson said. "The Lundrington Events Center will allow for a more intimate feeling."

"Intimate" is the right word used to describe this recent Club Lu event, "Howl at the Moon." The "Blazing Pianos" performed and had the audience stand up a few times to raise their glasses and link arms with the person next to them. No one hesitated and everyone sang at the top of their lungs.

"They really got the crowd involved and played a lot of great songs," junior Erin Clark said.

The "Blazing Pianos" played every song requested, whether it was a 30-second version of Britney Spears' "Oops, I Did It Again" or the entire epic hit of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Other artists that were covered included the Beatles, Aretha Franklin, NSYNC, Ricky Martin, Johnny Cash, Shania



"Blazing pianos" puts on a well-received show for the first Club Lu of the new semester.

Twain and Motley Crue. They also played a few infamous hits such as Billy Ray Cyrus's "Achy Breaky Heart," and the Starlight Vocal Band's '70s hit single, "Afternoon Delight."

There were bigger hits from movies like Grease and Moulin Rouge, the theme song for the hit TV show "Cheers" and a variety of Elton John songs that were also played. The last song that was performed was Billy Joel's 1973 original hit song, "Piano Man."

"Howl at the Moon" as "a really fun Club Lu. There was a great crowd. Programs Board should definitely consider having them here again in years to come," sophomore Britney Kennet said.

Not only were the "Blazing Pianos" loved by the students at CLU, the performers seemed

genuinely happy with the show's turn-out.

Junior Kristen Anderson said she noticed how surprised the duo was by the excitement and involvement in the crowd. Even at the end, the students were still singing and dancing as they walked out.

"This was so much better than I ever expected," Travis Becker, ASCLU's Programs Board director, said. "It's these types of events that make me love my family of friends here at California Lutheran University and the good times I share with them. I am so proud of the ASCLU Programs Board. It was amazing! Expect more quality events like this all semester."

The next Club Lu event will be an upscale restaurant night at Black Angus on Feb. 10.

## New movie is more than just the moves

By Stephanie Aguilar

STAFF WRITER

All across the United States, universities have been involved with stepping, a unique mix of hip hop dancing and percussion. It all began in the mid-20th century by African-American fraternities, but over the years all cultures and ethnic groups have joined in on the tradition.

Stepping is performed by rhythmic movements of the body. What sets stepping apart from the ordinary dance team? It is the distinctive stomping and slapping of their bodies together, creating a beat, all while chanting and singing in unison. Many fraternities compete in national competitions.

Christine Prado, a student at the UC San Diego, says, "From my experience at UCSD, it doesn't seem too big, but one sorority that I have seen step on campus is Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc."

Lambda Theta Nu is a Latina-based sorority that has actually claimed a national title for their stepping at one of their chapters. "They take great pride in step-

ping and use machetes and are the first sorority to do so," Prado said. "The machetes are usually a symbol representing strength within men, but they wanted to use it as a symbol for their own strength."

UCSD student Ruthie Valenzuela said, "I have never seen stepping being performed on campus by our fraternities, but some of the sororities chant amongst their sisters. That's about as much as I have seen. It's just not a big thing here."

Stepping is now being portrayed in the new film "Stomp the Yard." Directed by Sylvain White, "Stomp the Yard" brings a fresh new approach to the average coming of age story. The film follows DJ, played by Columbus Short, who at the beginning of the film suffers a tragic loss and is then forced to attend the historic Truth University in Atlanta, Ga.

The change is rather difficult at first, but he soon finds himself involved with one of the schools most competitive stepping fraternities. The only thing that this fraternity is lacking is a new routine. Bringing his fresh urban dance moves to the step routine, DJ

bestows his frat brothers with the confidence and the right moves that they need to win the national championship.

According to Tony Angeles a Cal State Channel Islands student, "the dancing was incredible."

"I liked the beginning and the end because the dance moves were awesome! The story kept me interested and guessing at what was going to happen next. Two thumbs up from me," Angeles said.

"I loved the dancing, and the story line wasn't half bad. This movie actually surprised me. I would definitely recommend it to my friend," movie goer Esther Ramirez said.

"Stomp the Yard" not only provides great beats and high-powering dance moves, it also delivers a strong storyline. The film contains substance and depth; it was not only about the dance sequences. It possesses just the right amount of drama, romance and humor.

This film is great for anyone out to have a good time, whether it is with your significant other or with friends.

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## Alumna is successful in entertainment industry

By Stephanie Lucas

STAFF WRITER

From the halls of Mt. Clef to the dressing rooms of "American Idol," Malika Rice always seeks to live life with passion.

Rice, a 2002 California Lutheran University graduate with a bachelor's degree in sociology, started her career in the entertainment industry with an internship at Warren Cowan and Associates while attending CLU.

"My first job was to walk celebrities down the red carpet," she said.

Rice attributes much of her confidence and success to the things she was involved with at CLU.

**"My faith goes with me in everything that I do, and that is why it was so neat to give back to these families who had given so much to their communities."**

*Malika Rice*



Photo graph provided by Malika Rice

"Studying abroad for a semester in Thailand expanded my world and taught me to really respect people and take risks," Rice said.

While Rice was a student at CLU, she was involved in many aspects of the university community. Besides studying abroad, Rice was a four-year member of the Regals soccer team, a resident assistant, member of the choir, involved with Young Life and was awarded a drama scholarship.

"As a member of the soccer team I learned how to have open dialogue with people, and work with a group towards an ultimate goal," Rice said.

After graduating, Rice was hired full time at Warren Cowan and Associates and has worked as

an executive assistant on the show "On Air with Ryan Seacrest," as an associate talent coordinator for MTV, a personal assistant for Paula Abdul during a season of American Idol and last year as an associate producer for "Extreme Makeover Home Edition."

"I know that Ryan [Seacrest] and Simon [Cowell] will always be there to give me a great recommendation for any job, and they are both great businessmen," Rice said.

She also believes that Cowell is truly a nice guy, and that American Idol was a great show to work for. Rice also enjoyed her time working for ABC's "Extreme Makeover Home Edition," she said.

"The actual experience of helping the families was much better than anything you would

even see on the show," Rice said of her experience working on the show.

She traveled across the United States while working on the show. Rice was also given the opportunity to work on episodes with families that were affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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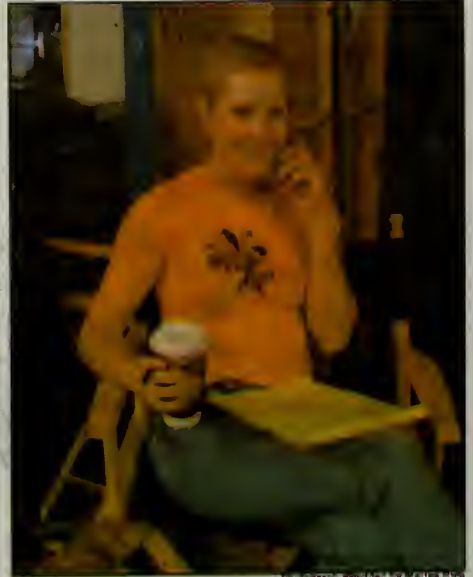


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interesting.

"Be as proactive as possible when looking for an internship, and really ask for what you want," Rice said. "If you are a hard worker and really ambitious don't take no for an answer."

She has followed this in her own career path, but warns of the lack of stability in the entertainment industry.

"This type of job is not for a person who needs stability, it is a job for someone who needs and wants to take risks," Rice said.

She has many opportunities to look forward to, but is mainly focused on Thompson's record release show this Saturday, she said.

"Trevor has a lot of connections at CLU, and I actually met him when he played on campus when I was a student," she said.

To get more information on the Feb. 3 concert at the Civic Arts Plaza visit [www.trevorthompson.com](http://www.trevorthompson.com). Tickets are available online.

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"My faith goes with me in everything that I do, and that is why it was so neat to give back to these families who had given so much to their communities," she said.

Rice's faith is what brought her to Seven Productions, and her project of doing publicity for artist Trevor Thompson, she said.

Seven Productions and Thompson produce music that has a positive message, which aligns with her personal values as a Christian.

Rice advises CLU students to follow their passions, and go out of Thousand Oaks to look for internships in areas that they find



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## Are we ready for a female president?



By **Natasha Terry**  
COLUMNIST

It has long been pondered whether the United States could be run by a female. The riveting 2005 television drama "Commander in Chief" gave Americans their first glimpse of a female president in action. Despite being a fiction plot it has created a reality that the U.S. could be run by a woman.

The nation has been ruled by

men up to this point. However, women are starting to come forward and hold crucial leadership positions within our still-developing country. Women are stepping up and holding down their jobs with ease and showing the ruling men that this is no longer a nation dominated by them.

Today women hold such offices as senator, representative, secretary of state, speaker of the house and governor. This is a giant leap for women. Fifty years ago they were not accepted in leadership positions, whether in the workplace or in the government. The U.S. has come a long way with women's rights and privileges since the early times of our great nation. However, strides still have not been made to place a woman as the leader of the U.S. One must ask, is the U.S. ready to make a giant leap and allow a woman to run the country?

There have been great women leaders in government

positions throughout the years. More recently, women in powerful government positions and offices are playing a huge role in the leadership and development of our country.

Women such as Condoleezza Rice, who in 2005 became the first African-American female to become secretary of state. Nancy Pelosi became the first female speaker of the house at the beginning of this year.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., has announced that she will run for president in 2008. She will be the first female to run for office since 2004 when Carol Moseley Braun ran for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. These women, holding powerful positions in our government, are representative of all women, proving that they are just as capable if not more qualified as men to run our country.

She is campaigning and has become one of the forerunners

Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much life. Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.

—Henry David Thoreau (1817 - 1862)

for the race to office, most notably leading Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in recent polls.

As Clinton leads in the polls she shows that more than half of Americans are ready to see a female hold the position of president of the U.S. However, there are just as many people who will not consider her for president because she is female.

Clinton represents a great shift in the political tides. Even considering a woman for the presidency is a huge step for the U.S.

Clinton is ahead of the other candidates running for the Democratic Party nomination, which include familiar names such as former Vice President Al Gore, Sen. John Kerry, D-

Mass., and former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.. If nominated today, she would create a very tight race for the presidency.

Clinton represents a great shift in the political tides. Even considering a woman for the presidency is a huge step for the U.S. If Clinton, or any other woman for that matter, is ready to take on the immense challenges of running the U.S. and they are prepared as well as qualified to do so, then she should be given a chance. Men have always been given a chance, why not now a woman?

Rice and Pelosi have paved the way for women in powerful positions in the government. Clinton has taken that paved road and is shooting for the highest government office. The U.S. is ready to be ruled by a president that is willing to rule the nation and do what is best for the people. If that means it is a woman, then so be it.

## Troop surging: Is it the answer for Iraq?



By **Emily Melander**  
COLUMNIST

One of the most controversial issues facing Americans today is one of follow-through: Should the United States send more troops into Iraq? This was brought into the forefront of America's mind when, during his State of the Union address, President Bush announced his plan to continue supporting troop surges into Iraq as part of his new strategy for stabilizing the country.

Similarly, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has been aggressively promoting a plan to send tens of thousands of additional troops to Iraq. This idea has been gaining

traction within different White House circles as a possible way to improve the security in Baghdad.

The now Democratically-controlled Senate Foreign Relations Committee maneuvered itself through a calculated snub of the president on Wednesday when they dismissed his plans for troop buildup in Iraq. The committee deemed the proposed surge as "not in the national interest" of the U.S. It will, however, be interesting to see if they do indeed put their money where their mouths are, or in this case, keep their money out of their mouths, and deny funding for the president's proposed effort.

Although the troop surging received a sour rap

recently, it was responsible for a moderate amount of success in the past. According to The Washington Times, Jan. 11, 2007, the Pentagon voted to surge troops three times for Iraqi elections: first during a transition assembly. Then during the constitution formulation and a permanent parliament that followed in December 2005. The purpose of each of these surges was to improve pre-election security, and to provide a safe voting atmosphere. In these instances, the strategy worked. Each of these elections were deemed successful by international observers. Unfortunately, the surges have had a limited impact on curbing the long-term violence in Iraq.

Perhaps the only solution for Iraq is political, not military. Whether America chooses to support the freedom of Iraq with 50 or 500,000 troops, the violence will continue unless the entire population is ready to concede to some form of peaceful co-existence, however far-fetched it seems.

An interesting idea that has been thrown around the Democratic political arena involves rearranging the Middle East priorities. That is, to send already-deployed troops to Afghanistan, where their need is obvious to defend against a resurgence of the Taliban, as opposed to beefing up the support in the already troop-inundated Iraq.

By adding more than 20,000 American troops, Iraq will only be enabled to fall deeper into its dependence on American forces. When will Iraq be prepared to stand strong, sans American support? The answer is: as soon as America is prepared to curtail its power-hungry agenda.

A war that has been consistent only in its mismanagement will not be benefited by more troops. We have watched the war rationale shift from "imminent threat" to "spreading liberty," but it will be choices in the direction of Iraqi independence that will aide in a graceful exit from Iraq.

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—Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

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## Academic dishonesty: A reporter's apology

By Alex Candia  
COLUMNIST

Last semester I wrote an article that the editor's decided to title "Procrastination Has Its Benefits." I was hoping that nobody took what I said too seriously and spent more of their time on the Internet searching for YouTube videos than doing their homework. Unfortunately, I might have spent too much time doing other things than doing my homework last semester. This article is a direct result as you will find out.

Last semester I wrote for The Features section of The Echo.

I tried to meet deadlines and produce accurate and readable material. As the semester was drawing to a close, I decided to slack off. I found myself on a Saturday night in December with two articles due the next morning. I was in between group meetings and other homework and I got caught up.

So after barely finishing one article with enough sources to print, I began what was to be my final Echo article. The article was about the university being named one of the best schools for Hispanics. I only had two sources and three sources are the minimum amount of sources required.

It was the end of the semester so everything was piling up on me as it usually does for any student closing out a semester. So I took a very easy, but wrong, path. I fabricated a quote just so that I could finish my article. I made up a quote and then put a real student's, someone who was in one of my group projects, name on it. I did not think that I would get caught, at the time I just wanted to finish my article and get sleep.

When the article was published I was not thinking about my action of fabricating the quote or what the consequences might be.

I thought that would have

been the end of my career at The Echo and I would move on. Something that I did not think about when I was writing the article was that the real student might read the article.

I received a phone call from my editor, who was just checking the facts, about the article and the usage of the particular quote. Apparently, the student read the article and wrote an e-mail to The Echo and explained that he was never interviewed for that article. I admitted my fault and was prepared to take the consequences for my actions, basically, my laziness.

My punishment was considerate and fair. I received no

credit for the semester and I will be repeating the semester writing for The Echo. There are far greater punishments that I could have received, so I was lucky.

It is good because I will serve as a reminder to present and future students who are writing for, or soon to be writing for, The Echo.

To Heriberto Farfan, I sincerely apologize that I used your name without your consent and I deeply regret doing so. To everyone else, try to get your work done on time and try not to get caught up at the end of the semester.

## NFL's minority efforts finally paying dividends

By Matt Matasci

STAFF WRITER

When the Indianapolis Colts meet up with the Chicago Bears to compete for the Super Bowl title on Sunday, history will already have been made. For the first time in National Football League history, two African-American head coaches will be patrolling the sidelines. Tony Dungy will lead the Colts from the American Football Conference and Lovie Smith will direct the Bears of the National Football Conference.

By the time the final whistle blows, there is one record that will inevitably be broken: for the first time ever, a minority head coach will hoist the Lombardi Trophy as the winner

of football's most prestigious game.

While diversity has always been an issue in the NFL, perhaps this is a sign that minorities are getting more opportunities and making the most out of them. When Dungy first became an assistant coach in the NFL, there were only 14 minority assistant coaches spread out among the 28 teams that made up the league. It was not until 1981 that an African-American became a head coach. That was when Art Shell took the helm for the Los Angeles Raiders. He eventually was named coach of the year and opened doors for other minority coaches.

In a study released in 2002, it was shown that about 70 per-

cent of players in the NFL were African-American while only 28 percent of all coaches were. While the trend has begun to change direction in the past few years, there is still a major discrepancy between the amount of minority coaches and the amount of Caucasian coaches.

With the hiring of Mike Tomlin by the Pittsburgh Steelers, there are now only seven African-American head coaches in the NFL, which now has 32 teams.

Despite being so outnumbered by their counterparts, many of these coaches have taken their teams to the next level. Three of the seven coaches led their teams to the playoffs, with another just miss-

ing by one game.

Every time a minority coach succeeds in the NFL, it opens doors for their contemporaries and makes owners more likely to take a second look at a minority coach that they normally would not have interviewed.

When teams are led by African-Americans, not only do they bring coaching expertise, but they can also relate to the players more easily than the traditional Caucasian coaches. Many times, the transition from college football to the professional level is difficult for the young men.

Also, many of players in the NFL came from lower-income areas, and their sudden wealth can be overwhelming. Many

of the minority coaches have had the same life experiences and are better equipped to relate with and mentor their players.

The success of minority coaches and the way they are able to relate to players has not gone unnoticed by owners. It should be expected that every year there will be an increase in African-American head coaches hired, and an even greater increase in the amount of assistants that will make up the staffs of teams in the NFL.

## A second cold-war looms for the United States



By Chris McGuinness

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Most students at this school were born at the very end of the Cold War. By December 1989, the Berlin Wall had come down and the Soviet Union had collapsed into ruin.

Long gone are the days of

air-raid drills and fallout shelters, giving way to a color-coded Terrorist Alert system. Despite this fact, recent events have shown that we are not entirely safe from nuclear weapons and that in a way, America is still mired in the vestiges of the Cold War.

Last week, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientist moved the infamous hand of the so-called "Doomsday Clock" up two minutes, placing the world at five minutes to midnight.

The clock was developed during the cold war and has been used a way for scientists to show the world how concrete the threat of total nuclear annihilation would be, this is represented by midnight. While the hand sat at seven minutes for the last few years, it appears that the threats of nuclear attacks are still a major concern.

Most would attribute this threat to the emerging nuclear programs of North Korea and Iran, as well as the Bush administration's recent decision to trade nuclear technology to India, whose tensions with Pakistan have been well documented, in exchange for lower tariffs on the import of fruit from that country.

As of late, the U.S. has refused to talk to either rogue nation, and therefore has isolated two very unstable potential nuclear powers.

Iran and North Korea have directly voiced their ambitions, and, if left with only threats from the U.S., will most certainly grow more belligerent as time passes. While the president's "tough talk" may sound good to Americans, more is needed for an actual solution.

While Iran and North

Korea's action have broken the back of Bush's "cowboy" diplomacy, the real losers in this are the American people, who are at the greatest risk not only from nuclear attacks from these countries, but from "dirty bombs" made from the more than 1,400 metric tons of highly-enriched uranium and 500 tons of plutonium that still sit in poorly-guarded facilities around the world.

Although we now live in a "post 9/11 world," where terrorism and extremism have replaced communism as the biggest threat to America, we are still haunted by the "fallout" of the past, and unless we push for a relevant foreign policy and for greater control over loose nuclear material, it seems that America will be fighting a second "Cold War" in the very near future.

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## Kingsmen take on defending champs



By Erika Irtzarray

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University men's basketball team (5-1) will put a two-game win streak on the line tonight as it hosts Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (2-4) in SCIAC play at the Gilbert Arena.

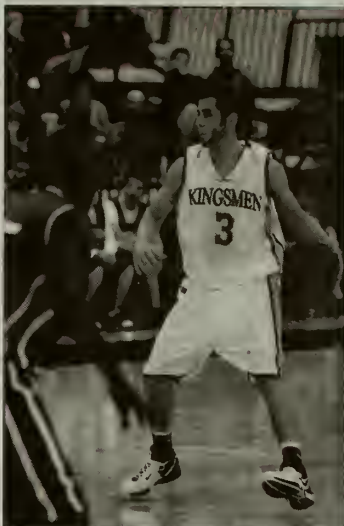
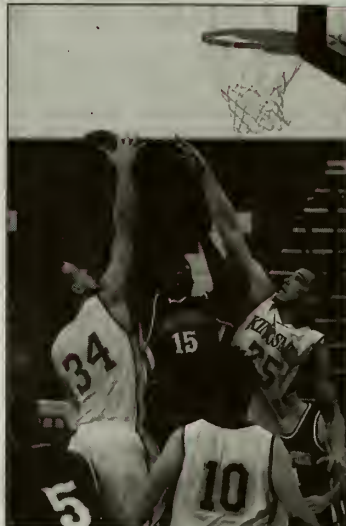
The game, slated as a 7:30 p.m. start time, marks the mid-way point in conference play. The Kingsmen have gained momentum recently by winning eight of their last nine games overall.

While the Stags, defending SCIAC champs, have lost four of five and are coming off a 66-62 overtime loss to the Pomona-Pitzer Sageshens.

"We are going to work on our defense and rebounds," head Coach Rich Rider said. "The upcoming games are going to be hard fought. Every game in the conference is a tough game."

On Jan. 24, the Kingsmen overcame a 16-point deficit to beat the Sageshens 68-66. That put CLU in a three-way tie for the top spot in SCIAC with Occidental and Redlands.

"During the first half we



Photographs by Doug Barnett

**BACK ON THE FLOOR** — The Kingsmen basketball team improved their conference record to 5-1 with wins over Pomona-Pitzer and Caltech. Freshman Kyle Knudsen (#34) and Zach Miller (#25) play defense. Chad Acerboni (#3) controls the ball.

definitely did not come out with intensity," Rider said.

In the second half, the Kingsmen came back in a shoot-out led by freshman guard Kyle Knudsen. He hit seven three-pointers in the game, six coming in the second half.

"As a freshman it feels great to contribute to the team and show them what I can do,"

Knudsen said. "It definitely takes a lot of team effort. I hope to carry this momentum in next week's games."

After Knudsen tied the game with 2:01 remaining, sophomore center Zach Miller hit the go-ahead shot with 29 seconds left on the clock.

"That last shot was a good shot, setup by my teammates. For

the games coming up, we have to be optimistic and definitely keep the same intensity," Miller said.

Three days later the Kingsmen traveled to Pasadena and routed the Caltech Beavers 110-47.

"This game helped the players who don't usually play get game time experience and develop themselves for future games," junior guard Deshion Inniss said.

"I really have to give it to freshman Mychal Owens."

The Kingsmen seem to be peaking at the right time. Their last eight wins have come with an average margin of victory of over 21 points. This will be the first time the Kingsmen have played the Stags this season. Claremont will field a young team, with just one senior, and are struggling to win conference match-ups.

"The upcoming games are going to be hard fought. Every game in the conference is tough."

Rich Rider

"I feel confident about tonight's game against Claremont because we have the momentum coming off of two wins," Inniss said. "We will be coming back home and will receive a lot of support from our fans. Playing in the new gym seems to bring hype to the players."

CLU, riding a four-game home winning streak, has seven games remaining on its schedule. The marquee match-ups will take place when they host Redlands on Feb. 7 and when they travel to Occidental a week later.

## Regals to host Athenas in SCIAC showdown



By Christina Paulsen

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's basketball team (5-1) will put a three-game win streak on the line tomorrow night when they host Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (5-1) at the Gilbert Sports Arena.

The Athenas have won five straight after suffering a three point loss to La Verne in the SCIAC opener. The Regals have won six of their last seven games and have overcome a sluggish 0-3 start to the season. Coach Kristy Hopkins believes that their demanding pre-season schedule has made a big difference.

"Pre-season gave the girls good practice," she said. "They played three teams in the top 20."

CLU started strong in SCIAC play, beating Whittier on Jan. 11 and Redlands two days later.

Tiffany Shim led the team with 20 points and 11 rebounds in the 47-55 win over the Lady Poets.

"It always feels good scoring points," Shim said, "but what makes it even better is when everyone has a contribution to our success and I felt that everyone definitely came together in the game against Whittier, on and off the bench."

Allison Neill led the scoring with 14 points in the 49-45 victory over the Bulldogs.

"There were openings and the team passed the ball well," Neill said. "It was a total team effort."

Neill was nursing a sore ankle all game after suffering the injury in practice during the week.

"I felt slower since I hurt my ankle and cannot play defense as fast as before."

On Jan. 18, CLU suffered its only SCIAC loss in a 55-54 defeat at the hands of La Verne.

Mary Placido scored 16 points, Emily Medders added



Photograph by Andrea Stenson

**JUMP BALL** — Junior Katelyn Harrison fights for the ball in an 18-point win over Pomona-Pitzer. The Regals are in second place in SCIAC.

12 and Rachel Bates had 11 rebounds.

The Regals bounced back two days later with a 73-65 win over Occidental pumping their SCIAC record to 3-1.

Placido had a team-leading 25 points while Medders scored 11 points in 17 minutes.

CLU continued its strong play with wins over Pomona-Pitzer last Thursday and CalTech two days later.

Shim led the team with 13 points in a 68-50 win over the Sageshens.

"We were successful in the second half when we came out

and played our game," Shim said. "We did an awesome job of working the ball around and looking for the best shots to take. We also came out fired up defensively which helped us to get some fast break opportunities."

The Regals opened the second half with a 10-2 run and opened up a 24 point lead with less than 10 minutes left.

"They were able to pick it up in the second half," Hopkins said.

On Saturday the Regals extended their win streak to three games, tying a season high with a 70-45 rout of Caltech.

"Pomona-Pitzer was a good warm up because they have similar defense," Hopkins said.

Tomorrow's game, slated for a 7:30 p.m. start, will mark the midway point of the SCIAC season. CLU will look to record a season-high fourth straight win before heading on the road to take on Whittier. The team will undoubtedly be looking forward to the Feb. 10 match-up where they will host La Verne to avenge their only conference loss.



## CLU finding success in the pool

By Kevin Baxter

STAFF WRITER

While patiently awaiting the opening of the new Samuelson Aquatics Center on north campus, the California Lutheran University swimming and diving teams are making great strides as a program this season. The teams will head to La Verne on Saturday for their final meet before the SCIAC Championships in mid February.

The Regals opened the conference schedule this season with four consecutive wins, surpassing last year's win total of three. Head coach Tom Dodd, who has been at the helm of the CLU program since its inception in 2003, credits the team's improvement to the commitment of women who have come to swim at CLU. "We're not the biggest team, but we've attracted some ladies that want to work hard," Dodd said. "We have more hard working swimmers here now."

On Jan. 27 the Regals suffered a 174-61 loss at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. Their conference record



Photograph by Justin Campbell

**BRAND NEW — The new Samuelson Aquatics Center was opened for use earlier this week.**

cooled down to 4-2. Despite the loss, the Regals picked up wins in two events.

The women pulled out a first place finish in the 400-yard medley relay and sophomore Jill Minehan picked up nine points for the team after winning the 100-yard butterfly with a time of

1:00.65.

While the women have improved their record from last season, the Kingsmen have matched their previous win total with a record of 2-4 following a 170-59 loss at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

Freshman Logan Rivenes

came away with a win in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Sophomore Jeremy Subadya finished the 100-yard butterfly in 56.60 and that was good enough for first place in the event. The Kingsmen made their best showing in the 100 yard breaststroke where freshman Benjamin Hogue and junior Parker Morales finished in first and second place respectively.

Both teams will head to La Verne on Saturday in hope of adding another win as they close out their regular season conference schedule.

The men will try to avenge a 116-104 loss against the Leopards last season. They will look to build some momentum heading into the conference championships.

"It's going to be close. They have a bunch of water polo guys they brought over and we don't know how fast they are," junior Sam Walton said.

The women enter their match up with La Verne on Saturday as well, and appear to be in good position to come away with

another team victory.

"We are putting out really good times right now. We should be okay," said Minehan. "We will just need to stay focused and concentrate on our times."

Last season the Regals knocked off the Leopards 139-66 at La Verne.

As the 2006-07 season may be winding down for CLU Aquatics, the excitement has surely not dwindled. The Samuelson Aquatics Center was officially opened last weekend and the teams were able to practice in the new 51-meter pool for the first time this past Monday.

With the new pool opening, the teams will no longer have to make the trek from campus to Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village twice a day for practice. Instead, the brisk walk across the bridge to north campus has all the athletes excited, especially Walton who makes the back and forth drive twice a day.

"It's going to save me 48 miles worth of driving everyday," Walton said with a sense of relief in his voice.

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#### Workforce Recruitment Program for Students with Disabilities

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- Application, resume assistance, and interview preparation will be provided by the Center for Academic and Accessibility Resources (C.A.A.R.) and Career Services
- WRP recruitment and interviews conducted directly on our campus  
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This program will be offered on a first come basis, to a limited amount of students. Interest list is now forming.

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## Baseball opens season Saturday



By Cory Schuell

STAFF WRITER

Fresh off a 10-day trip Down Under, the CLU baseball team is prepared to officially begin the 2007 season.

Early this month, the Kingsmen traveled to New South Wales and Queensland, Australia, to compete against some of the best teams in the country. The team went 1-7 on the trip.

Head coach Marty Slimak believes the trip was very successful, regardless of the outcome of the games.

"I thought the team played very, very well," he said. "Considering we played the elite teams of the country, made up of professional players, I thought we did well."

Slimak is entering his 13th year as head coach at CLU. He begins the year with a 344-161-4 regular season record with the Kingsmen, winning nine SCIAC championships. In 1996, the team reached the NCAA Division III national championship game.

At College of the Canyons,

Slimak was an infielder under USC manager Mike Gillespie. He earned his bachelor's degree at UC Santa Barbara.

"[We have] good players and better athletes than the other teams," he said about the team's success. "We expect to win the conference every year."

Last season, CLU got off to a slow start, winning four of the first 14 games. The Kingsmen picked up their play, going 16-9-1 in the final 26 games. Finishing 2006 with an overall record of 20-19-1 (9-9), CLU earned fourth place in the SCIAC.

Senior third baseman Christian Harriot was named to the ABCA/Rawlings All-America Second Team. He led the team with 28 RBIs.

"Last year was a pretty difficult year for our team," sophomore pitcher Pete Schmitt said. "We came into the season with very high expectations and eventually found ourselves attempting to play catch up all year."

Ready for this season will be the new stadium, Ullman Stadium at George "Sparky" Anderson Field. The field is named after Thousand Oaks resident and Hall of Fame World Series-winning manager Sparky Anderson. The stadium will hold about 300 people.

"Our team is already coming together, better than any team I've ever been on," sophomore infielder Justin Bogoyevac said. "The trip down to Australia to



Photograph by Justin Campbell

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION** - Final touches are being put on Ullman Stadium. It is expected to be fully operational for this baseball season.

play major league competition and then, off the field, being able to bond with everybody was definitely a good thing."

Among the returning seniors looking to make an impact for the Kingsmen are center fielder Lee Ellis, catcher Brett Urie and pitchers Gabe Ward and Josh Gagne. They led the team in home runs, batting average, wins and strikeouts, respectively, last season.

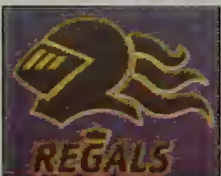
"This year is going to be great," Urie said. "It's my senior year, and this year's team is by

far one of the most talented group of guys and have gelled together very quickly. I believe this year is the year we will contend for a national championship."

The first game of the season is

Saturday, Feb. 3, at home against Greensboro College. Ullman Stadium will be dedicated on Saturday, Mar. 10. Both events are scheduled for 11 a.m.

## Softball slated to take on NAIA Simon Fraser



By Veronica Torres

STAFF WRITER

A new season is quickly approaching for the California Lutheran University softball team.

The Regals, who topped the SCIAC in hitting last season, will continue to put an emphasis on getting it done at the plate.

"We expect to lead the conference in hitting," head coach Debby Day said.

The Regals will return a strong core of players including two-time All American Prudence Kjonvædt. Kjonvædt, the senior third basemen, led

the team in every offensive category last season, including a sparkling .527 average and five homeruns.

"We have an outstanding senior class," Day said.

Also returning is Newbury Park local, senior first baseman, Crystal Kincaid. She batted .329 in 24 games last season and led the team with a .995 fielding percentage.

"Crystal Kincaid is considered a triple threat," Day said, referring to Kincaid's ability to hit, throw and catch.

The Regals officially open the SCIAC season on Feb. 17 when they host the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens in.

Yesterday, CLU had an exhibition double-header against undefeated National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Canadian powerhouse, Simon Fraser University (4-0).

The Clan, closing out their

California road trip, is coming off sweeps of SCIAC opponents Whittier and Redlands.

Simon Fraser led the NAIA in team batting average last season, while averaging just under two stolen bases per game and 1.2 home runs per game.

Day will use the game to get a feel for where the team stands and what adjustments need to be made in order to be successful this season.

CLU will continue their exhibition games with double-headers against the USC Club Team on Saturday and Hope International a week later. They will also hold the Alumni game on Feb. 18.

The Regals look to rebound from a disappointing end to last season in which they lost their last six games, while being outscored 36-15 during that stretch.

## SCIAC Standings

(Updated on Jan. 29)



Basketball		Basketball	
Cal Lutheran	5-1	LaVerne	6-0
Redlands	5-1	CMS	5-1
Occidental	5-1	Cal Lutheran	5-1
Pomona-Pitzer	3-3	Occidental	2-4
CMS	2-4	Whittier	2-4
LaVerne	2-4	Redlands	2-4
Whittier	2-4	Pomona-Pitzer	1-5
Caltech	0-6	Caltech	1-5

- Swimming (\*Feb. 15-17)
- Baseball (Feb. 3)
- Golf (Feb. 15)
- Track & Field (Feb. 10)
- Tennis (Feb. 9)
- Softball (Jan. 30)
- Swimming (\*Feb. 15-17)
- Track & Field (Feb. 10)
- Tennis (Feb. 2)
- Water Polo (Feb. 17)



\* Note - SCIAC Championships at Cerritos College



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## Novelist visits campus

By Christina Duggan

STAFF WRITER

The importance of dialogue and of a sound first paragraph were topics covered by award-winning novelist and playwright Nancy Rawles in her workshop geared toward writing.

"What a better opportunity could the community have than meeting the author of such acclaimed books?" said Judith Samuel, information specialist and collection development manager.

Rawles, winner of the American Library Association's Alex Award and the Legacy Award for fiction from Hurston/Wright Foundation, was the focal point for a series of events on at California Lutheran University in honor of Black History Month.

The dramatic reading of Rawles third novel "My Jim" (2005) was at the Lundring Events Center. Thursday, Theatre Arts students Renau Rush and Natalie Turner read an excerpt from Rawles novel.

"The dramatic reading was my favorite," Samuel said. "The actors did a brilliant job."

Directed by Michael Arndt, the reading was in front of an audience who came to hear Rawles words of her novel, "My Jim" come to life.

"My Jim," set in 19th century western America, follows the family of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" character Jim.

Rawles' first person narrative is told through the eyes of escaped slave Sadie Watson. Her novel



Students Renau Rush and Natalie Turner read Rawles' novel "My Jim" to an audience.

describes the themes of freedom and love with the journey Sadie has in order to survive.

"The novel brings out the lives of people that lived in the time," he said.

On Friday, students and faculty attended a creative writing workshop "Opening Lines" taught by Rawles.

More than 20 participants listened to Rawles discussion about writing a novel. Those who attended were authors of children's stories, poetry, short stories and novels.

"I just finished my first novel and I am looking for guidance in my writing," Renau Rush said.

"Journalism gives you an ear

for dialogue," Rawles said.

She recited the first paragraph of her latest work and gave advice to aspiring authors.

Rawles discussed her experience as a writer and her range of works and writing styles, from play-writing to journalism, that she has completed over the course of her career.

Students and other participants were encouraged to bring an original piece of their own work to read aloud and discuss with Rawles at the end of the workshop.

The campus visit included at book signing by Rawles at the Pearson Library.

"My Jim," "Love like

Gumbo" (1997), and "Crawfish Dreams" (2003), were available for CLU community members to have signed by the author.

A display about Rawles novel and information about Black History Month is set up in the Pearson library, and copies of her novels are available to be checked out.

Rawles visit to CLU was sponsored by Multicultural and International Programs, Black Student Union, Department of English, Center for Equality and Justice and the Pearson Library.

"If you have a sense of accomplishment, then you know it is right," Rawles said.

## Communications publishes newsletter

By Sabrina Fratlich

STAFF WRITER

This week, the Communication Department released "Dot.Comm," a newsletter to inform its community about new opportunities and events within the department.

This issue was created by four Communication departmental assistants, Robert Johnson, Aarika Lim, Katie Mahlberg and Christopher Meiding.

The first issue of "Dot.Comm" includes a spotlight on internship opportunities, alumni profiles, faculty updates, student quotes and a couple various articles about the department.

The newsletter mentions the organizations that offer internships for CLU students

including KTLA, Fox Sports Net, Access Hollywood, E! Networks, National Geographic magazine and more.

"I don't think all the communication majors know how many opportunities exist for them to get involved at CLU," Johnson said. "We hope that by providing some of this information, students will have easier access to better their resumes."

This is the first issue of "Dot.Comm" this year.

"The newsletter has been done in the past but it has been a while since the department put one out," Lim said. "The communication professors felt it was time to receive it and get it going."

According to Lim, they are going to try publish an issue once a semester.

The first issue was distributed

in communication classes to students.

As of now, the "Dot.Comm" creators do not know how it will be distributed in the future, but it will be made available for everyone.

"The long-term goal is to build a better relationship with the students and community," Lim said. "It is important we let them know what is new and/or happening in the communication department."

The three emphases within the communication major are journalism, advertising, public relations and media production.

The industry that these areas fall into is known for being very competitive and the more people you meet and work with the better your chances could be in succeeding.

Having a newsletter could give communication majors a head start and ideas to help with their future.

"It's really a great idea," freshman Margaret Nolan said. "As a communication major I know there is a lot that is offered to me so the newsletter will be a big help."

The communication faculty is offering ideas for the newsletter and then the departmental assistants take it from there.

Communication students should take advantage of having a newsletter that is catering to their major and is directly related to what they are doing in school.

Information about internship opportunities can also be found in the Career Services office located in the university commons or contact them at 805-493-3200.



## Hate crimes speech brings awareness

By Nicole Nathanson

STAFF WRITER

It is important to first understand how victimization affects the perception of the individuals directly included in hate crimes, said Dr. Helen Lim Ahn Lim, criminal justice professor at California Lutheran University when she spoke on behalf of the university's Center for Equality and Justice.

According to the Uniformed Crime Reports, less than one percent of hate crimes are reported to the authorities.

In 2005, the Uniformed Crime Reports reported that of the 8,380 offenses reported, 61 percent of the offenses were committed because of a person's race.

Of these 8,380 offenses, organized groups commit only five percent of these offenses. Of the 12,000 police depart-

ments participating in Uniformed Crime Reports concerning hate crimes, the Los Angeles Police Department was the first to have hate crimes as their own special unit.

Lim completed her doctoral research on hate crimes targeted at Asian Americans.

In 2002 through 2003, Lim conducted 45 in-depth interviews with Asian Americans in the New Jersey and New York area.

Included in her study were 23 women and 22 men. Their ages ranged from young adults to mothers to senior citizens.

Lim's respondents are Asian Americans that have experienced some form of hate crimes either indirectly, directly or in inter-group relations.

One respondent in Lim's study defined a hate crime as "a crime that hurts anybody because

of his or her differences."

"It is also important to understand how other factors like structural barriers or competition over scarce resources can intensify a situation."

Dr. Helen Ahn Lim

According to the ASCLU in 1992, the most common form of hate crimes was defensive hate crimes.

Sophomore Johannes Koerm

was able to describe what she thinks causes these crimes.

"Racial divides, ignorance and a lack of respect for others as well as oneself," she said.

There is no uniform definition of a hate crime and, as a result definitions vary from state to state.

Colorado identifies hate crimes as committed by individuals because of race or ethnicity, but does not include sexual orientation.

"Education is an important component, but alone will not solve the problem," Lim said. "It is also important to consider the content of what is taught and communicated about race and ethnicity."

Informal and formal control agents, as well as a deep awakening and attitude change were just a few solutions that Lim's

doctoral research recommended to combat hate crimes.

"It is also important to understand how other factors like structural barriers or competition over scarce resources can intensify a situation," Lim said.

On the CLU campus, zero hate crimes occurred during 2005-2006 school year.

"A small campus, the support of students and residence life and because we are such an inclusive community is why our campus does not have problems with hate crimes," said Tori Smith, a university security officer.

The university provides students with 24-hour, daily security to enforce pertinent issues such as hate crimes.

Students are strongly encouraged to report any form of a hate crime to the authorities or campus security officials.

## Dramatic novel reading entertains students

By Clair Tenney

STAFF WRITER

"Opening Lines," the hour-long creative writing workshop with speaker and award-winning author Nancy Rawles, brought instruction, examples and perspectives of writing techniques to students at California Lutheran University.

The award-winning author discussed her previous work, led attendees through a writing exercise, and shared writing tips and her own experiences.

Rawles aimed to provide attendees with a thorough understanding of the hard work involved in becoming a writer.

is crucial that the writer keep returning to the beginning, crafting and re-crafting until the rest of the piece is developed.

Rawles recited the beginning paragraph of one of her upcoming novels.

The audience was fixated on Rawles during this point of the lecture and applause erupted when she was finished.

"The first paragraph is the voice from who is going to tell the story; it should emotionally engage you," Rawles said.

This particular portion of the workshop was especially appreciated by attendee and CLU English professor Dr. James Bond, who related beginnings to not only creative writing but to the everyday writing of composing essays, letters and memos.

"A student essay for English 111 could become an incredible piece of writing if the writer thought of the composition as a spiraling process of unfolding performance, one that requires the writer to keep honing that beginning as the rest of the essay begins to fall into place," Bond said.

Rawles also spoke on previous writing she has done, such as play writing and journalism.

"Journalism helped me realize that my writing isn't too precious, it will always be edited," she said.

Rawles shared her thoughts on personal work, such as journaling and painting.

She described writing as a public act. When one puts their work on paper they choose to think about the reader and the audience.

"If it is a painting, writing or whatever you are doing, it should not be locked away," Rawles said. "By putting it on paper you are making it public and taking a



A display in the Pearson Library featured Rawles' novels and a list of events.

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Throughout the workshop, she emphasized the importance of the beginning of a piece.

The beginning sets the tone and the stage for everything that follows.

She described the beginning of a story as critical, saying it

risk that someone might see it."

The last 20 minutes of the workshop was spent partaking in a writing exercise to develop dialogue.

"You want your dialogue to be meaningful in a novel, it is not movie dialogue," Rawles said. "You have to make it sing."

Rawles paired students together, letting them choose who would play what role; one was a parent figure and the other a child.

Participants were told that a conflict must arise between the two roles.

A piece of paper was passed back and forth in-between partners and one had to always answer what their partner gave

them.

"Every line has to move the story forward," Rawles said.

While dialogue was being created on the papers laughter could be heard around the room.

After 10 minutes Rawles encouraged partners to share their dialogues.

While five groups shared, Rawles gave feedback and a story of each short dialogue.

She described where she saw the conflict going and what background information she could pick up on.

Editor of CLU's literary magazine and one of the people, who shared their dialogue, Kate Hicks, found this portion of the workshop to be helpful with her

writing.

"It encouraged me to write more and think more reflectively on what I have written," Hicks said. "I appreciated the help and thought it was a great opportunity."

At the end of the workshop the 19 attendees were given the opportunity to ask Rawles questions about writing and advice she had to offer.

Students also had the opportunity to share an opening line, paragraph or stanza, they had written to receive Rawles feedback.

Rawles' books, "My Jim," "Crawfish Dreams" and "Love Like Gumbo" will be available in the Pearson library.



## Social smoking common among students

By Lorrie Brown

CALENDAR EDITOR

Nicotine is the only highly-addictive gateway drug that is legal to be sold for causal use.

Social smoking is more common among teenagers and young adults than any other group according to California Lutheran University's Student Health Services.

A social smoker means that a person decides to light up because of peers, a party or any socially-trendy situation.

There is a feeling that the person should do it, even when, in any other situation, smoking would not take place. So it is possible for a student to smoke without parents and teachers not knowing about it? The answer is yes, according to Kathleen (Gypsy) DeYoung, administrative assistant of Student Health Services.

"My daughter's friends all smoke together causally and their parents do not know about it," DeYoung said. "And these are well educated kids."

According to Kerri Lauchner, physicians assistant at CLU's Health Services, college students may not come to her office for smoke-related illnesses now, but 20 years from now that may change.

She also said that it is more normal for students to be seen for

upper respiratory infections, stress related psychological problems and sexually-transmitted diseases.

"Of the students I see, there are not many smokers but here I do not see patients of all ages, so it seems as if smoking is less than the general population, on campus," Lauchner said.

It is important for anyone who smokes to understand that the effects of smoking may not be felt until they are well over 50 years old and to not be fooled by the fact that everything is fine now while they are still young, she said.

One failed strategy to combat the use of tobacco products, by legislators, was to raise the price of cigarettes.

According to Kim Homer Vagadori college coordinator of California Youth Advocacy Network the proposition 86 may have failed because the \$2.60 tax was rather high and the prop. association with the hospitals was confusing for people.

However, because college students do not generally have a lot of money, any increase in price of tobacco would have naturally made the product less appealing and decreased college student tobacco use.

"Regarding the tax and college smoking, I do believe that if the tax had passed, it would naturally make that product less

appealing because I know that college students don't generally have a lot of money," Vagadori said.

It has been repeated throughout many generations of people that "you are what you eat."

If that sentiment was asserted for the use of tobacco products the phrase might be coined in a similar way that "you are what you smoke."

Cigarettes are comprised of ingredients such as tar, batter acid and plastic fibers similar to asbestos in addition to nicotine.

The state funds non-partisan organizations such as the CYAN to educate generations of youth and young adults since 1997.

This network encourages advocacy for tobacco free campuses through a student led program called Campuses Organized and United for Good Health.

Another program is the Tobacco and Hollywood Campaign this effort works to dispel images of tobacco use without consequence on the movie screen.

Although the big tobacco companies have been taken to court for the practice of marketing tobacco products to children.

These include the animated Joe Camel. Laws have been established by federal legislators but this has not slowed the constant exposure youth and young adults receive of tobacco prod-

ucts, especially in film.

CLU does not have a representative on campus for this purpose.

Resident Life, Wellness Programs employs passive programming through their "social norms campaign" that seeks to display a positive spin on what student activities are not for those who live on campus, because, according to Christine L. Paul assistant director of residence life, many freshmen need to see the reality of what goes on after hours on a university campus.

This is because instead of the typical stereotypes of excessive alcohol or drug use.

"The goal of our campaign, is to educate all students so that they are able to make better, informed choices," Paul said.

CLU's Wellness programs CORE surveys produce statistics every two years to support their monthly passive programming campaigns. The most recent survey was facilitated by Resident Life the summer of 2005.

For a little more than a year, there has been a poster in the form of a bumper sticker posted on the bulletin board near the Student Health Services office that reads, "We are healthy: 71.5 percent of CLU students do not use tobacco."

This means that more than 28 percent of students at CLU are still smoking. Are parents aware

of this?

Dave Rodriguez, government relations and program coordinator of the American Lung Association of California said that the tobacco prevalence rates on college campuses seem to be on the rise according to surveys being developed by the organizations now.

Organizations like the ALA partner with the Public Health to work towards smoke-free campuses.

Tobacco prevention is the ultimate solution to eliminate tobacco use however the state does fund cessation programs for those students who want to quit.

"All campuses have student clinics and we would like to see them utilize the cessation programs offered through Public Health," Rodriguez said.

The great thing about stopping the use of tobacco products early, according to the American Cancer Society, is that within a few days mucus clears in your airways and lungs, within a few weeks the sense of smell and taste return while circulation improves and within a year the risk of lung cancer begins to decrease immensely.

So, even if tobacco has been used for casual and social situations, in the past, there is still hope to quit, as a young student, and possibly curb cancer.

## Students return to Biloxi over winter break

By Matt Matasel

STAFF WRITER

For one week during winter break, students from California Lutheran University helped rebuild communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Twenty-five students and three faculty members flew to Biloxi, Miss., to help repair the flood-damaged homes.

The students and faculty were in Biloxi Jan. 5-12.

All participants were strictly volunteers, and paid for their own tickets to get to the city.

"Thrivent members had a separate price to go to Biloxi," senior Brad Doty said. "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America helped pay for ground expenses once we were in Biloxi."

The group was led by Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty, Kristine Odegard and Pete Brown.

The volunteers from CLU worked with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial, a non-for-profit Lutheran financial organization, to rebuild the homes.

This same group works year-round to alleviate the damages that have ruined most homes in

this small town.

"There are some members of Habitat for Humanity that are there all year rebuilding homes," Doty said, "while others like the CLU volunteers come in on week-long shifts to help out."

While in Biloxi, the students slept on bunk beds in a circus tent and large shipping containers.

The cafeteria was set up in a circus tent as well.

"The town of Biloxi is made up mostly of poor, low-income residents," Doty said. "There was a mix of African-Americans and Caucasians, although the majority of the residents were African-American."

CLU volunteers worked on three homes. They were affected by flood damage, so repairs included insulation, drywall, flooring and wall siding.

Most of the homes in Biloxi experienced five to nine feet of flooding resulting in mold, water lines and rot.

The town had to be rebuilt from the bottom up.

The homes the CLU volunteers worked on had been stripped down to their frames.

Most people only associate Hurricane Katrina with

New Orleans, but according to Doty, there was extensive damage throughout the Gulf Coast, stretching hundreds of miles.

The volunteers witnessed this as they drove 1 1/2 hours along the coast to Biloxi.

According to Brown's Web log, the damage and the stories told by the people were sometimes hard to understand until

being there and witnessing it first-hand.

"There are so many stories to tell," Brown said. "We listen and try to imagine what it must be like to fear for your life or run for your life only to return to find out that you have nothing left."

The students that volunteered left with an impression.

"It gave me a new perspec-

tive," freshman Katherine Wade said. "Life can always get worse, but it will always get better, and you could see that the residents believed that."

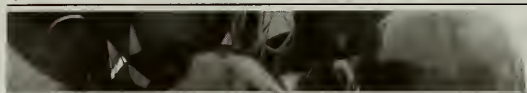
Students that are interested in volunteering for the next trip to the Gulf should contact Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty, who works through the Lord of Life, the on-campus church.

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## Events

### WEDNESDAY

February 7

- Morning Service  
Samuelson Chapel, 8 a.m.
- Chapel Service  
Samuelson Chapel, 10:10 a.m.
- Dr. Bedolla, "Latino Politics"  
Chapel, 4 p.m.
- Kickboxing  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.
- Martial Arts/Self-Defense  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- "Men of Honor" Dinner & Movie  
Nygren 1, 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Redlands  
Gilbert Arena, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY

February 8

- Study Skills Seminar: Motivation  
Chapel classroom, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
- Yoga  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.

- Kickboxing  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Redlands  
Gilbert Arena, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

February 9

- Dr. G. Horne, "Black & Brown"  
Roth Nelson Rm, 10 a.m.
- Men's Tennis vs. Westmont  
The Courts, 2 p.m.
- Yoga  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.
- Pilates  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- Nordic Spirit Symposium  
Samuelson Chapel, 7 p.m.
- Common Ground Communion  
Samuelson Chapel 9:11 p.m.

### SATURDAY

February 10

- 11th Annual Leadership Institute  
Soiland HUM, 9 a.m.
- Nordic Spirit Symposium  
Samuelson Chapel, 7 p.m.

- Men's Tennis vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps  
The Courts, 9:30 a.m.
- Baseball vs. Chapman (2)  
Ullman Stadium, 11 a.m.
- Softball vs. Hope International Univ. (Scrimmage)  
Ullman Stadium, 12 & 2 p.m.

### SUNDAY

February 11

- Lord of Life Worship Service  
Samuelson Chapel, 6:15 p.m.

### MONDAY

February 12

- Kickboxing  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.

- Martial Arts/Self-Defense  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- Cardio Hip Hop  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 7 p.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. La Sierra  
The Courts, 2:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

February 13

- Don't Forget!  
Tomorrow is VALENTINES Day!
- "Heart to Heart" Blood Drive  
Front of SUB, 9 a.m. - 2:30 pm
- Yoga  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m.
- Pilates  
Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.
- Black History SuperQuiz  
SUB, 5 p.m.
- Last day to register for internship/independent study

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### Heart To Heart Blood Drive

All Blood Donors Will Receive A 4 Oz. Box Of See's Assorted Chocolates  
Inside there are two red hearts, symbolic of your life and the life you will save.

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Feb. 13, 14 & 15

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## Alsabery produces the new karate kid

By Ariel Collins  
STAFF WRITER

Fitness classes give students an opportunity to stay active while in school, especially when many students are not able to fully dedicate a lot of their time to an athletic team such as basketball or, in honor of the spring season and baseball.

Tang Soo Do has made its mark on California Lutheran University's campus, not just as a fitness class. It is a legitimate martial arts class that can give students the opportunity to receive and advance in belt rankings. Led by Richard Alsabery, classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6-7 p.m.

Tang Soo Do was brought to the U.S. by Chuck Norris. Alsabery describes how the class mentally and physically enables the student to have confidence in getting away from their everyday, average problems. Attending this fitness class is a non-threatening way to get involved since there is no-contact sparring.

"This is a fun alternative sport and a great workout," freshman Winston Richard said. "I am confident mentally and physically and [Tang Soo Do] allows me to focus on that because without one or the other, you can't really do it."

In December, Richards was given the chance to test for his purple belt. Front kicks, hand combinations and one-step attacks only name a few of the

skills needed to be performed. The test took about an hour and three teachers were present. There were two masters, one being Alsabery, and a first degree black belt. When the test was completed, the three teachers awarded Richards with a certificate and his purple belt.

Richard's goal is to receive his orange belt by the end of the semester. He commends his teacher and is grateful for the number of skills Alsabery has taught him in such a short amount of time.

Alsabery teaches skills that are practical and useful in self-defense.

"Immediate self-defense doesn't require years of training," he said. "Everyone has little tools they are able to use in self-defense. My class prepares people to be mentally able to protect themselves."

Many people are quick to say that they do not have the time to attend any of the Tang Soo Do fitness classes and they hold off on going for as long as they can. Like all fitness classes at CLU, Tang Soo Do classes are open and there is no cost for students and alumni to attend. There are no requirements or previous skills needed either, allowing everyone to feel welcome.

Seeing that this is a self-defense class, people are often nervous to join.

"I am sensitive to injuries and often tell my students, 'If it hurts, don't do it.' I am sensitive to having a good time and music is played to add to the



Winston Richard receives his certificate of completion and his purple belt from instructor, Richard Alsabery.

fun," Alsabery said. He makes sure that not only are the students having a good time, but that they are active during the class times.

"Along with a good workout, they can get skills and then if they are really serious, they can grow like Winston [Richards]," he said.

Besides Tang Soo Do, there are a number of classes at a variety of times, that current students and alumni can attend. A list of classes can be found on CLU's Web site, under "Intramural Sports and Fitness."



Photograph courtesy of Winston Richard

## Recital honors composer

By Stephanie Aguilar  
STAFF WRITER

In honor of composer Edvard Grieg, a piano recital was held featuring the talents of Dr. Dorothy Schechter and Audrey Woods, Saturday evening, Feb. 3 in the Preus-Brandt Forum. This special event was presented by faculty of the Creative Arts division-Music Department, of California Lutheran University.

"It was my idea to do the recital in this manner to start off the 100th anniversary of the death of Edvard Grieg; a Norwegian composer born in 1843 and died in 1907," Schechter said. "I am a first generation Norwegian and I have made it my life's work to perform and further the interest in Edvard Grieg."

Schechter said that one can expect the recital to feature

important works and popular compositions by Grieg. She is trying to do at least two recitals of his work this year.

A recent graduate in musical performance at CLU, Audrey Woods, also joined Schechter on stage. She performed "A Swan," words by Henrik Ibsen 1876, "The First Primrose," words by Johan Paulsen 1876 and "Goodnight Song for Blakken," words by Nordahl Rolfsen 1894.

"Audrey Woods is on the program to sing three works by Grieg in Norwegian and I will accompany her" Schechter said.

There was an honorable turnout at the recital, many in support of Schechter and her piano work.

"I wanted to hear Dorothy, she's a friend of mine, and I wanted to support her. I was also interested in the program," attendee Elaine Herzog said. "It's

an interesting evening musically and an interesting concept of taking audience requests."

Guests were greeted by a friendly young woman and given a program which listed the song choices that one could request to be performed by Schechter.

"As opposed to sitting at home, why not come and listen to beautiful music?" attendee Virginia Rogalsky said. "I am looking forward to the unique concept of asking the audience for their involvement."

Over all, the recital proved to be quite a success. Many turned out in support of Schechter.

"I love to play for a live audience and to inspire others to perform and learn more about something that they might be really passionate about," Schechter said.

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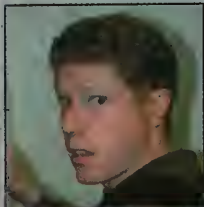
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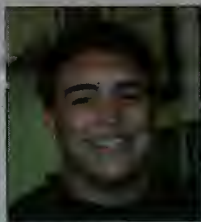
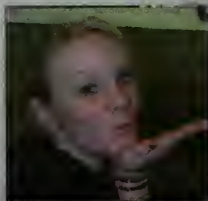


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"Rachel McAdams; a rowboat ride down Kingsman Creek."

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"Harrison Ford. I would have him cook me dinner."

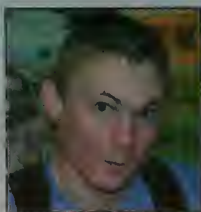


**Jacob Calderon, 2009**

"Carmen Electra for a romantic dinner on a beach somewhere."

**Jared Glesne, 2007**

"Jessica Alba. We would go SCUBA diving."



**Nicole Newman, 2007**

"Brad Pitt. A walk on the beach; probably go to a movie premiere."

**Mike Christensen, 2010**

"Natalie Portman. We'd go see a movie she wasn't in."



## Fontaine makes the top 10

By Stephanie Lucas

STAFF WRITER

A dream became a reality for Jacqueline Fontaine when she took the stage to compete in the 2007 Miss America pageant on Jan. 29 at the Aladdin Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The competition aired the same day on Country Music Television.

"It was extremely surreal, but when I walked onstage I was very calm and religiously centered," Fontaine said.

A 2004 California Lutheran University graduate with a bachelor's degree in music, Fontaine was crowned Miss Ventura County 2004 and Miss California 2006. She is from Moorpark, and is a graduate of Oxnard High School.

Fontaine, along with 51 other competitors, prepared for the Miss America pageant for months. During the week of the competition, she made sure that nothing brought her down, not even the flu.

"I came down with the flu earlier in the week," she said. "My advice is to never let a sickness hinder you from doing your best."

Despite her illness, Fontaine won the talent award for her opera performance during night three of the preliminary competition. She received a \$2,000 scholarship, that will go toward finishing her master's degree in Vocal Arts at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music.

"The night of the competition I just put everything in God's hands," she said.

Fontaine was still plagued with the flu the final night, but overcame her illness and placed in the top 10. Members of the audience voted Fontaine "best swimsuit" via text message.

"For those of us who didn't place in the top five, there were about 20 pizzas and two dozen doughnuts waiting in the back," she said.

Though she was not crowned Miss America, she was honored to be in the top 10 and enjoyed the experience.

Fontaine credits much of her success to her time at CLU, where she graduated magna cum laude with departmental honors, and held many leadership roles.

"My music and theater professors really pushed me to my potential. Dr. Dan Geeting and Michael Arndt are some of my biggest supporters, and always challenged me," she said.

Fontaine was active in the theater department, and was a lead role in the production of "Candide" her senior year.

"Some of my fondest memories are traveling with the choir. Especially when we went to England; that is when we really became a family," she said.

Fontaine encourages current students to follow their own dreams, and seek their greatest potential, she said.

"Anything is possible. Always



Photo: photo courtesy of Jacqueline Fontaine



Photograph courtesy of MissCalifornia.org

Jacqueline Fontaine, 2007 Miss California, with her mother in the Fresno's 150th Anniversary Parade.



Photograph courtesy of MissCalifornia.org

Fontaine with her fellow Miss America state finalists.

expect the best and plan for the best," she said.

Next on Fontaine's list is to finish her duties as Miss California, carry out her platform on diabetes awareness, continue teaching voice lessons, obtain a Doctorate of Musical Arts and someday achieve her ultimate dream of becoming an international opera singer.

Through the CLU Artist and Speakers series: "Alum Makes Good," Fontaine will perform on Tuesday, Mar. 13, at 8 p.m. in Samuelson Chapel. The public and CLU community are welcome and admission is free. More information on the Miss America pageant is at [www.missamerica.org](http://www.missamerica.org)



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## Artists are fulfilling The Need for performances Student Programs hopes to reach students through Thursday night coffee house

By Aarika Lim

STAFF WRITER

Coffee, conversation and musical performances are all things students can find at The Need, California Lutheran University's student-run coffee house. The Need, open every Thursday at 10 p.m. in the Student Union Building, is showcasing a majority of off-campus musical talent for the spring 2007 semester.

"The bands usually get in touch with us if they are interested in performing," said Courtney Parks, coordinator of Student Programs and area resident coordinator.

Parks, along with Christina Broat, another Coordinator of Student Programs and area resident coordinator, are often sent in demos that help them decide which musicians students would like and which would fit with the atmosphere of The Need. Many of the musicians also have Web sites where a selection of their music is available for download.

Several artists who have performed at The Need will be making repeat appearances this semester.

Past Need performer Jill Cohn, who has opened for Jewel and The Dave Matthews' Band,

took the stage on Feb. 1. With her acoustic guitar in hand, Cohn performed songs from her album, "Mexico City," due for release in March 2007.

The album's title holds a strong significance for Cohn.

"I went down to Mexico City because I had writer's block for about a year," she said. "I'm happy to say that I wrote like a billion songs while I was there."

Eastern Washington native Cohn considers Mexico City her home after finding a sublet there for \$600. She decided to move to Mexico's capital without knowing how to speak any Spanish.

"I was passing through the SUB on my study break and thought [Cohn] was pretty good," senior Sean Beireis said. "It was kind of, ironic, though that on my Spanish study break I run into a concert of a girl from Mexico."

Songs about making friends, and one including or a dream about sleeping with the president, give Cohn a fun, carefree acoustic folk sound.

With the list of performers this semester all possessing different musical sounds, students can look forward to a wide variety of talent. Nash the Kid and his band "Midnite Theory" will be performing at The Need on tomorrow and March 22.



Photo: Photo courtesy of Jill Cohn

Performer Jill Cohn, past Need performer has opened for artists such as Jewel and The Dave Matthews' Band

"Our music is a mix between acoustic folk, jazz and blues with melodic choruses and hip hop verses," Kid said.

Based out of Newbury Park, Kid, whose real name is Scott Shaw, put together "Midnite Theory" just for live performances. He made it a family affair by drafting his younger brother as a guitarist in the band.

With a solo album due in

stores Feb. 15 and an acoustic album in the works, Kid has made The Need a part of his Southern Calif. tour.

Students can also look forward to "Bred In Captivity" performing at The Need on Feb. 22.

"The students seem to really like them and they really like coming to our campus; crowd favorites are good to bring back," Parks said.

Broat, Parks and Kristin Price, assistant director for Student Programs, are working on a survey for The Need to receive student feedback on the structure and programming of the coffee house. They expect to have the survey completed in April.

"We hope to reach a lot of students to get a full idea of what students want to see," Parks said.

## Faculty member exhibits her 'Self Image' in gallery

By Amy Vogt

STAFF WRITER

Terry Spehar-Fahey's latest paintings titled "Self Image" are on display at the Kwan Fong Gallery located in Humanities until Tuesday, Feb. 27th. The paintings depict Spehar-Fahey's journey out of depression and into health. Spehar-Fahey teaches water color and Art Education courses at California Lutheran University and she is well-known in the local art community.

The paintings in "Self Image" were created during and after eight months of psychotherapy. Spehar-Fahey suffered from circumstantial depression and started the series when her therapist suggested that she "paint her feelings." She found that painting helped her get in touch with her repressed emotions and she produced more than 70 paintings in the first five months of therapy.

"Creating art helped therapy go much faster," she said.

Spehar-Fahey also said that it was much easier to talk about the images she created rather than her personal experiences.

One painting, called "School

girl," is a self portrait of Spehar-Fahey at age seven at school with a list of things she would not do on the black board behind her. She described this painting as an experience she had in second grade when she was humiliated at school.

"It reflects the spirit of a kid crushed by criticism, crushed by teachers, just trying to bury herself and hide," she said.

Another painting, titled "The Saint," shows her with yellow spikes and sewn up lips.

"It said so much about the person I was, I would not say what was on my mind," she said.

Spehar-Fahey kept the images to herself for a year and then only showed a few trusted friends and family members. She did not paint them with the intention that they would be shown to the public but she painted, "purely for process rather than product" and she said the process was "less thinking, more feelings."

"They are personal images that helped me heal," she said.

Last year, she displayed some of her paintings at the Galleria at Hillcrest Center for the Arts, where faculty member Michael



Photograph by Ryan Gettleman

Pierce saw some of her paintings and invited her to show them at CLU. She said that showing her work was the final step in the healing process.

"It's like graduation, taking risk of criticism, part of what being an artist is all about," she said.

The three canvases that are placed to the right of the staircase in the gallery are examples of Spehar-Fahey's post therapy work. She said that she let "images come out and ideas happen."

Spehar-Fahey's experience with depression and the use of

painting as a healing art has changed her perspective on the creative process. Spehar-Fahey said that she "feels like more of an artist now." She is represented by Gallerie Barjur in Mammoth Lakes, and she shows at several local galleries.



# Homosexuality in the media



By Natasha Terry

COLUMNIST

Homosexuality has become a more acceptable way of life today. As it has become more acceptable, homosexuality has also become the center of media attention especially with the new scandal surrounding ABC's hit television show "Grey's

Anatomy." It has been rumored that "Grey's Anatomy" star T. R. Knight may leave the show in light of homosexual slurs made by his co-star Isaiah Washington.

The scandal surrounding "Grey's Anatomy" is only one of the many controversies that has risen within the media spotlight. As more of these controversies surface it seems that the stars should take on the military's mentality of no homosexuality by using a "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Although this mentality has not always proved to be flawless, it does seem to hinder people from making such comments as Washington did.

Washington allegedly made homosexual slurs about Knight on the "Grey's Anatomy" set in October. Knight, who has come out of the closet recently, was upset over the way the first outburst was handled. When Washington continued with the

slurs at the Golden Globes during the cast's celebrations, Knight decided to deal with the issues publicly. Knight, who plays Dr. George O'Malley, has said that the show's environment is toxic and unhealthy, and he plans to leave the show if nothing changes.

As a result of the backlash from the public and his fellow cast members, Washington has entered counseling to help change his behavior. According to AOLnews, he has a history of violent behavior, but this is apparently the first time he has made homosexual comments. However, Washington has now made homosexual comments more than once within a few months.

The real question now is whether he should be allowed to continue on the show. Petitions have circulated the Internet, asking ABC to fire Washington

for his actions. The cast is also very upset over Washington's comments towards Knight. They are baffled on how and why he would say such things, especially while they were celebrating at the Golden Globes.

**In light of his comments, I believe that Washington should not be asked to continue his tenure on "Grey's Anatomy."**

He should not be allowed to continue as Dr. Preston Burke on the show. Washington has ruined an incredible opportunity as a star on a hit show created by an African-American. What he said is unacceptable and he should be punished for making such comments. For an African-American to make such comments is hypo-

critical. I guarantee he would not tolerate anyone making racial comments about him.

Any comments made by the media or by people in the media spotlight should not be tolerated. This is a time when making any type of racial, homosexual or offensive comment is unacceptable.

Washington is continuing a stint in rehab right now to try and help deal with this problem as well as anger issues that have come to light under these new circumstances. In my opinion, he should not be allowed to return to the show once he has finished his time in rehab.

In fact, Knight should be given the opportunity to decide if he wants to stay with the show before Washington is permitted to return. His comments were unacceptable and he should be ready to deal with whatever consequences come his way.

# Will 2007 be a year for music?

By Alex Candia

COLUMNIST

2006 was a good year for a lot of new bands. Panic! At the Disco, Daughtry and Taylor Hicks are a few to name. Panic! At the Disco got huge from praising bloggers in late 2005, revolutionizing how people would be exposed to music and how bands can get big fast. They really hit it big in 2006, destroying what the world knew about pop punk/cabaret music, and youth from Las Vegas. Daughtry, despite

the "Idol" business, is tearing up charts and selling out shows throughout the country.

Then there's Taylor Hicks, the guy who won. Well, personally I'm not a big fan of "American Idol"-produced artists, so I can't say much more than he was big in 2006. Los Angeles indie/electronic band Shiny Toy Guns put out a new album last year to give their fans something to party to and enjoy. Metal fans also enjoyed a resurgence into the genre in 2006 with Dragonforce's

"Inhuman Rampage." Gnarl Barkley was heard in close to every club worldwide. 50 Cent and The Game both dropped immensely-popular albums last year also.

**I couldn't be happier that The Police will be playing in L.A. for the first time in 30 years, and that Rage Against The Machine will also reunite later this year.**

Now this leads us to the main question: What will this year bring? I know two things are coming, and I couldn't be

happier to hear about it. The Police are reuniting to play a set for the Grammys to be aired Feb. 11. Hopefully, the legendary band can put aside some differences enough to maybe put on a show in L.A. for the first time in 30 years. Maybe this time around, they'll be better off keeping their shirts on.

This summer will mark the welcomed reunion of Rage Against The Machine. The band will be playing on the last day of the three-day Coachella Music Festival in Indio, Calif., at the end of April. The reunion was decided when singer Zack DeLaRocha and guitarist Tom Morello spoke together at a charity function in L.A. last

year. No word if they'll stick together to write more or tour again, but it will be quite an experience for those lucky enough to shell out the cash for the expensive event tickets.

This summer has a lot to offer for music fans. The Warped Tour will be celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary this June, with bands like Norma Jean, Alkaline Trio, The Vandals and Hot Rod Circuit. Last autumn, the City of Chicago signed a five-year, \$5 million contract with the planners for Lollapalooza. Last year's artist list included Red Hot Chili Peppers, Kanye West, Common, Gnarl Barkley, Death Cab For Cutie and Panic! At The Disco. This summer, Lollapalooza hopes to keep up with their reputation for an excellent three-day concert in a beautiful city.

For now, I guess we just have to wait and see what the music industry has to offer. A new Bloc Party album was released yesterday along with a new release from guilty pleasure Fall Out Boy. Meanwhile, the Web site [www.liota.com](http://www.liota.com) has free concert tickets for bands like Ben Harper, G.Love, Gavin DeGraw and Trick Daddy who are going to be on L.A.-based late night shows like "Last Call with Carson Daly," and "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

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—Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

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# The human cost of war



By Chris McGuinness

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

While Washington is buzzing with arguments of how to move forward in the war in Iraq and a host of presidential hopefuls are offering their own legislation, a new study released by Harvard University is looking ahead, estimating the cost of caring for returning soldiers at a stunning \$662 billion.

According to Linda Blimes, who authored the study, the increase in cost is due to the fact

that they are now coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan, surviving wounds that would have been fatal in past wars.

“There are about 16 ‘non-mortality’ wounded soldiers per every death,” Blimes said in an article published by Reuters News Service 2007 who drew her data from the statistics of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The cost is said to include medical care, disability payments and other benefits paid to injured veterans and assume that 44 percent of veterans eventually claim disability.

This recent study has not only begun to put a true human face on the war, but has also pointed to the challenge we will face as a country when our soldiers return home. Many of them will face life with severe physical disabilities, such as multiple amputations and traumatic brain injuries, and many will also need to seek treatment for serious mental afflictions, such as post traumatic stress disorder, which, when untreated, can lead to alco-

holism, depression and domestic abuse.

Some of these men and women, many the same age as you and I, will suffer from a combination of physical and physiological conditions when they return from duty.

What is even more troubling is that we no longer have a GI Bill to assist our brave troops in getting care, an education or a job, which may put many returning soldiers at risk for homelessness because they will lack adequate job training.

Furthermore, with the national deficit skyrocketing and the disastrous war in Iraq itself costing the U.S. even more money, it may be difficult to come up with the \$662 billion needed, and it is the people who need it most that will suffer.

Unfortunately, veterans’ advocates do not have the millions of dollars needed to hire high-powered lobbyists to represent their interests in Washington, and thus have seen funding for veterans’ care cut by billions of dollars

during the last Congress, even though the number of veterans who need care increases each year we are at war.

In the end, the best advocates these brave men and women have are you and I, the American people.

This last week, the Bush administration sent a budget to the new Congress, which reportedly contains severe cuts in several social programs. It is our duty, not only to stay informed of what exactly is in the budget, but, in light of this recent study, to also make sure that money is set aside to take care of the those who will be coming home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At this moment, the war in Iraq is costing taxpayers more than \$200 billion a year and this figure is rising. This cost does not factor in the cost of medical care for veterans returning home, so it seems that the best way to truly “support the troops” would be to end the failing war and use the money for people who have paid a heavy price for their country.

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# Bush's temporary worker program



By Emily Melander

COLUMBIAN

During last month's State of the Union Address, President Bush introduced his plan for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and asked for the support of the Congress. The goals of Bush's plan are to: 1: Secure the borders, 2: Enhance interior and worksite enforcement, 3: Create a temporary worker program, 4: Resolve the status of illegal immigrants currently in the U.S., and 5: Promote assimilation into the American society. Bush believes that each piece of the reform needs to be implemented simultaneously.

Honestly, this all sounds

great, with the exception of the temporary worker program. Bush believes that our immigration problems cannot be solved through added security alone. It appears that he has proposed to simultaneously increase border-security-spending, from \$4.6 billion in 2001 to \$10.4 billion in 2007, and lower the regulations to which Americans and illegal aliens must comply.

On the White House's official policy Web site, the “Fact Sheet: President Bush's Plan For Comprehensive Immigration Reform” details that “The Temporary Worker Program Should Be Grounded In The Following Principles:

•American Workers Must Be Given Priority Over Guest Workers. Employers should be allowed to hire guest workers only for jobs that Americans have not taken.

•The Program Must Be Truly Temporary. Participation should be for a limited period of time, and the guest workers must return home after their authorized period of stay. Those who fail to return home in accordance with the law should become permanently ineligible for a green card and for citizenship.

•Participation Should Fluctuate With Market Conditions. When the economy is booming, and there are not enough American workers available to help businesses grow, the program should be open to more participants. But when times are tough and Americans struggle to find jobs, the economy cannot, and should not support as many guest workers.”

To that, I say: Yeah right, yeah right and yeah right.

•“American Workers Must Be Given Priority Over Guest Workers:” Sure, American workers will be given “priority” over guest workers, by the way, that was a great choice of words, in that it will be difficult to find an American worker who is willing to be the only non-Hispanic strawberry picker that is being paid at a laughable rate and is subjected daily to fickle weather conditions. If you ask me, I’d take McDonalds any day.

•“The Program Must Be Truly Temporary:” It is not in a business’ best interest to have a high turnover rate of workers, especially when there is a language barrier. By allowing businesses to employ “guest

workers,” but then forcing them to send those “pilgrims of labor” home, and re-train new “guest workers” seems to negate the money saved on labor.

•“Participation Should Fluctuate With Market Conditions:” This sounds great, but who will enforce the exit of these “guest workers” when the economy is receding? Just remember that when things start to go downhill, start applying for border guard positions, because they will be the only secure job in America.

The biggest problem that I see with this plan is that workers are paid an unbelievably-low wage, a wage that can not support one person, let alone one person in the U.S. and a family still in Mexico. The majority of these workers are not given health care or a living wage,

and therefore become a burden on the American taxpayers. Among other things, they visit government-subsidized clinics, live in Section-8 housing and their children attend public school for free.

If businesses are saving money by paying a lower wage to “guest workers,” then it seems obvious that it needs to be their responsibility to support the workers that they employ with all the necessities of life.

Because businesses are electing to employ “guest workers” in America, those workers should be paid in accordance with American living standards. By allowing businesses to cheat their workers out of their due worth, our government is only allowing poverty to loiter on the American cityscape.

## For the Record

An error was made in the credit of the photos in the Feb. 1 issue of *The Echo* for the “Dinner welcomes back students.” The photographer was Jessica Butler.



## Hogue breaks record at La Verne



By Kevin Baxter

STAFF WRITER

Freshman swimmer Ben Hogue broke his own school record in the men's 200-yard breaststroke on Saturday with his time of 2:21.42, and helped lead the California Lutheran University swimming and diving team to a win with a 128-91 victory at La Verne.

While the Kingsmen grinded out a tough win to cap their regular season schedule the Regals were just too much for the Leopards to handle and they came away with a 145-69 win. Both teams established some momentum heading into the SCIAAC Championships that begin on Feb. 17.

"We're on a taper right now which means we are focused more on our speed than the yardage," Hogue said. "I think that really helped out."

The Kingsmen closed out the regular season with a 3-4 conference record. On the women's end they finished up with a 5-2 mark.

Freshman men's swimmer, Logan Rivenes captured two big wins for the Kingsmen on Saturday in his two long distance races. He came away with first place in the 500-yard freestyle (5:10.17) and the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:03.17).

Joining Rivenes with a pair of wins on the day were juniors Parker Morales and Sam Walton. Morales picked up wins for the Kingsmen in the 100-yard freestyle (51.08) and 50-yard freestyle (23.03). Walton's wins came in the 200-yard backstroke (2:13.31) and 200-yard freestyle (1:54.02).

At the midpoint of the meet the Kingsmen led by just five points but they closed out the Leopards after winning the final six events.

"It helps when you see other people going well,"

"It helps when you see other people going well. It motivates the other swimmers to do well."

Ben Hogue

Hogue said. "It motivates the other swimmers to do well."

The women received plenty of solid performances en route to their fifth meet win this year. Junior Kelsey Myers posted a pair of wins in the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.31) and 100-

yard freestyle (54.48). She was joined by other Regals who had multi event wins. Christa Ratcliff picked up wins in the 1,000 yard freestyle (11:27.06) and 200-yard IM (2:15.01). Joining Myers and Ratcliff with two first place finishes was Jillian Friend with wins in the 200-yard butterfly (2:13.32) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:31.97).

"We've been having some hard practices the past week," said Myers. "So we have been training really hard."

In the lanes the teams took care of business while sophomore diver Eric Vaughn did his job off the diving boards. Vaughn is CLU's lone diver and finished in second place in the men's one meter dive and men's three meter dive on Saturday.

With his regular season now complete Vaughn will be the only one in action from CLU at the SCIAAC Diving Prelims



set for Feb. 10 at Cerritos College.

"We have a pretty tough conference," Vaughn said. "I should be able to make the finals and hopefully put myself in a position to finish well."

The men and the women are now set to practice throughout the next week for the SCIAAC Championships that will be held at Cerritos College and begin on Feb. 15-17. They will cut back to one practice a day as opposed to the traditional two-a-day practices.

"One practice a day is going to be nice because we're going to be able to sleep in," Hogue said.

## Softball takes on Hope



By Veronica Torres

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University softball routed the University of Sothem California club team 11-1 Saturday.

After the first scrimmage of the year was rained out, the Regals hosted a double-header against USC, each game containing five innings.

CLU took an early 3-1 lead in the second inning. The Regals exploded in the fourth inning, getting out to an 11-1 lead.

"We could have come out a lot more stronger than we did," sophomore pitcher Megan Allain said. "It could have been better."

Allain was not the only one who felt this way.

"We need to work on certain things," freshman catcher Emily Robertson said.

Robertson, entering her first year of collegiate softball, also commented on the strong coaching from head coach Debby Day.

"She hypes me up," Robertson said.

She believes the team feeds off the energy of its coaching staff and plays accordingly.

At the start of the second game, Day made some coaching changes to allow players to get experience



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**OFF SEASON WORK - Senior Katy Wilkins played on the Great Britain National Softball Team last August.**

at different positions.

"We didn't adjust to the pitching speed," Day said.

The Regals are known for their ability to hit well. In the beginning of the second game, they had a bit of a struggle at the plate.

"We're a good hitting team," Day said. "We need to continue making adjustments at the plate."

The Regals' adjustments resulted in an 8-0 win.

CLU will host Hope

International University Royals on Saturday. The Royals have added two new pitchers to their staff as well as several transfers.

The Regals will try and continue their strong play at the plate, but Day is more concerned with staying healthy throughout the entire pre-season.

"We will work to stay healthy," Day said. "Being healthy is something that can only benefit the team as a whole."

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## Kingsmen host Bulldogs tonight



By Erika Irizarry

STAFF WRITER

With only six games left, the California Lutheran University men's basketball team is now tied for first place in SCIAA with Occidental.

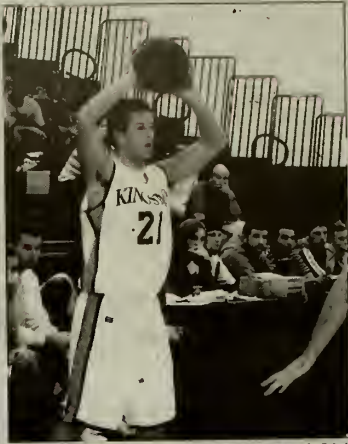
The Kingsmen (7-1) will play host to Redlands (6-2) tonight at 7:30 at Gilbert Arena.

"We have to keep practicing hard," junior forward Andrew Meier said. "Keep those guards shooting, and big men stealing."

Last Wednesday, the Kingsmen pulled out a 51-49 win against the defending SCIAA Champions Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. Junior guard Deshion Inniss hit the game-winning shot with just seconds left, improving CLU to 6-1 in conference play.

"It was a very tough game," said Inniss. "That last shot, it had to be done."

The game was a battle, with



Photograph by Amanda Cabell

**ON TOP OF SCIAA —** Junior forward Rocky Pedden (Left) and junior guard Brandon Tussy (Right) look for an opening. CLU is tied for the top spot in SCIAA with Occidental. They host Redlands tonight. The Kingsmen beat the Bulldogs 129-85 earlier this season.

nine lead changes during the game. The Kingsmen never really separated themselves from the Stags, with their biggest lead being just seven points early in the first half.

"I try to rebound the ball and bring energy to the team,"

says Meier. "I just want to win."

Meier hit several big shots going into the half, giving CLU a slim 24-23 lead at the break.

"We just hung around until something good happened and at the end, something broke for

us just right," said head coach Rich Rider. "We knew from past history that it was going to be a very physical and very tough game. They are well organized, they have some good players and so we knew it would be this type of game."

"We need to bring it up the intensity level where it needs to be but I have confidence that we will get back up there," Rider said.

On Saturday, the Kingsmen traveled to Whittier (2-6) and beat the Poets 76-67.

Freshman guard, Kyle Knudsen scored the first 14 points of the game, and had 17 at half.

"We're going to keep doing the same thing, change up practices," junior guard Chad Acerboni said. "Coach Rider does a good job of preparing us. We only have two losses in our new gym and we hope to keep it at that."

CLU will be facing Redlands for a second time this season. The Kingsmen won the first meeting, scoring a season high in points, 129-85.

"Last time was more of a fluke than anything else because the Redlands is a very, very good team," Rider said. "They play up and down style; they are the highest scoring team in the country right now so it's going to be a challenge, no question about it."

## Regals need a win after losing a pair



By Christina Paulsen

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's basketball team (5-3) will host Redlands (3-5) tomorrow night in conference play.

CLU is coming off two close losses against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Whittier. They lost 72-68 against the Athenas and 67-65 in overtime against the Lady Poets.

"We will bounce back," head coach Kristi Hopkins said. "I believe the girls know they can play better than what they have been. It's just a matter of putting it all together in one full game."

Against Claremont, Mary Placido led the team with 20 points while Emily Medders and Tiffany Shim added 16 and 15, respectively. The team struggled from the free-throw line, shooting 14-24. The Regals made a comeback toward the end, but Placido fouled out and CLU ran out of time.

"We need to step up at all positions," Hopkins said, "and play containment defense without fouling."

"I think as a team we struggled a little bit with communication," Medders said. "Except for a couple minutes of mental lapses, I feel we all played hard and tried to fight until the very end. Personally, I have things I need to work on in order to help the team, but it is starting to come together."

On Feb. 3, the Regals lost their first overtime game this season at Whittier. CLU was down at half but tied the game at 51 with just over five minutes remaining. Placido nailed two free throws at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

The Lady Poets opened the extra period with a 7-3 run and was able to hold off the charging Regals, winning by two.

"I thought that we played very inconsistent throughout the game and that is why we lost," Hopkins said. "This has been a struggle all year as we are a young group with only one senior. We had some great moments and some not so great moments."

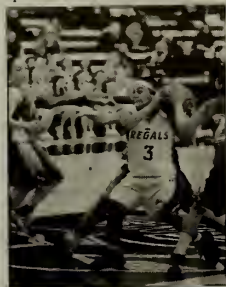
"I prepared them like I do any other game," Hopkins said. "I tried not to talk about how important a game it was because it would just add more pressure.

They already knew it was important anyhow. They are smart and perceptive."

Medders, a transfer from Hofstra, has enjoyed the process of becoming part of the Regal team.

"I have enjoyed playing for CLU a lot," Medders said. "It was a big change coming into a new team and school and everyone has been amazing. There is a lot of talent backed up by great coaches. It is easy to fit in because there are so many great personalities."

The Regals are now in second place in conference while Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and La Verne are tied for the top spot at 7-1. The Regals defeated



Photograph by Doug Barnett

**IN THE PAINT —** Tiffany Shim fights for position.

the Bulldogs earlier this season 49-45.

"The Redlands game should be another tough one," Hopkins said. "We have been the team to beat for three years now and our opponents really get fired up to play us. That should be a com-

pliment to our team as we have gained the respect of others."

"We must be fundamental with Redlands and not give them any second chances on the boards. If we play hard and put 40 minutes together we should be able to take care of business."



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## Baseball takes on No. 2 ranked Panthers



By Cory Schuett

STAFF WRITER

After sweeping a doubleheader with Greensboro College, the Kingsmen open a three-game series with Chapman this weekend.

Chapman (3-0) is ranked No. 2 in the country to begin the season and is defending NCAA West Region champions two years running. They posted a 33-13 record in 2006 and earned third place at the Division III World Series last May.

The Panthers are led by senior pitcher Devin Drag. The 6-foot-3-inch right-hander was voted the West Region Pitcher of the Year by the Collegiate Baseball Writers Association in 2006. He had a Division III-best 0.82 ERA along with a 10-2 record and eight saves.

Last weekend, the Panthers swept a three-game series with Whittier.

"They [Chapman] are ranked number two right now, and it will be tough to beat them," CLU head coach Marty Slimak said.

On Saturday, the Kingsmen (2-0) opened Ullman Stadium by sweeping Greensboro in an afternoon doubleheader 5-3 and 3-1. The Pride (2-2) scored first in each game, but was unable to hold their leads. Clutch hitting made the difference, as CLU took



Photograph by Amanda Gabell

**SWEEPS WEEK** — The Kingsmen opened the season by sweeping Greensboro (NC) 5-3 and 3-1. CLU will take on No. 2 ranked Chapman this weekend. They will travel to Orange on Friday and they will host a double-header on Saturday.

over the lead in both games with two-out RBI doubles.

"We did very good for the opening game," Slimak said. We left some runners on base early on, but we kept on fighting and got some two-out hits that broke their back in the end."

In the first game, junior right fielder Trevor Davidson was 1-3 with two RBIs. Sophomore first baseman Justin Bogoyevac

doubled in the go-ahead run with two outs in the seventh inning.

Senior Josh Gagne relieved starter Gabe Ward with two outs in the fourth inning and hit the first two batters he faced. He rebounded, striking out the next batter and throwing 4.1 scoreless innings to pick up the win.

"It was more of a confidence thing," Gagne said, "and my changeup was really working.

The changeup was my pitch today."

In the second game, starter Mike Roe pitched five innings, allowing the Pride's only run in the first inning. Sophomore second baseman David Iden hit two singles and a double, driving in one run.

"I thought we did great for it being the first day," senior catcher Brett Urie said. "You can't

complain about two wins."

Freshman Peter Birdwell pitched the ninth inning in both games. The right-hander did not give up any hits while earning two saves. He struck out the side in his first appearance.

The Kingsmen will travel to Orange, Calif., to play Chapman at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. They return to play a home doubleheader at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

## Football continues work as Squires becomes an Eskimo

By Nick Bjork

STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University Kingsmen football players continue to push forward without a head coach.

After 11 seasons as the head football coach for CLU, Scott Squires resigned. He has accepted a special teams coaching position for the Edmonton Eskimos of the professional Canadian Football League.

"I'm happy for him. I feel it's a great opportunity for him and his family," junior quarterback Danny Jones said.

Jones will be entering his senior year with a new head coach and has some concerns.

"I think we're all anxious and excited to see who will be brought in to be the new head coach, but I am worried about a

new offence and philosophy for my senior year," Jones said.

Squires is the third head football coach in CLU history. He finishes with a 55-44 overall record, with his last three seasons being 20-7. He was named Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1997, when he led CLU to its first conference championship.

"I feel it will make us stronger as a team," junior defensive end Josh Richards said.

The players have met together and decided to have their own morning workouts. The goal of winning a championship hasn't changed for these Kingsmen.

"Our goals and outlook for next season are all still the same," Jones said.

"Squires is a great coach,

but we will work just as hard for whoever is named the new head coach."

The team has decided to challenge themselves with continuing the program and the love of the game that Squires has instilled in them.

"I feel this is just apart of college football. I hope it doesn't hurt our recruiting process, but at the end of the day I feel this will bond our team and make us a stronger more mature program," freshman defensive end Jason Jenkins said.

The sooner CLU can find a new head coach, the better according to players.

"It would be great to have the new coach announced before spring ball," Jones said.

"That way if there are any major changes we can start working on them early."

## SCIAC Standings

(Updated on Feb. 5)



Basketball		Basketball	
Cal Lutheran	7-1	LaVerne	7-1
Occidental	7-1	CMS	7-1
Redlands	6-2	Cal Lutheran	5-3
Pomona-Pitzer	5-3	Occidental	4-4
CMS	3-5	Whittier	4-4
LaVerne	2-6	Redlands	3-5
Whittier	2-6	Pomona-Pitzer	1-7
Caltech	0-8	Caltech	1-7

- Swimming (Feb. 15-17)
- Baseball (Feb. 3)
- Golf (Feb. 15)
- Track & Field (Feb. 10)
- Tennis (Feb. 9)
- Softball (Jan. 30)
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- Tennis (Feb. 2)
- Water Polo (Feb. 17)

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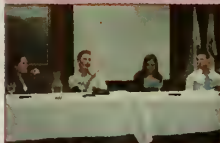
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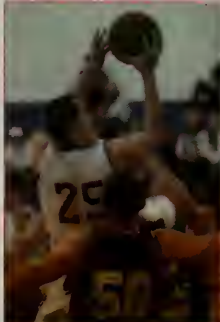
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## Lecture to enlighten students

By Christina Duggan

STAFF WRITER

Current holder of the John and Rebecca Moores Chair of History and African American Studies, Dr. Gerald Horne lectured at California Lutheran University about the relationship between African Americans and Mexicans in the U.S.

It was Dr. Gerald Horne's hope that the present-day issues can be resolved from the history, and we can look for a positive future.

Horne spoke to CLU students and faculty last week about his most recent book.

"Black and Brown: African Americans and the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920"

The lecture was put on by the Center for Equality and Justice.

Horne's motivation for the book arose from his concern of conflicts between African Americans and Mexican Americans of today.

With a B.A. from Princeton University and a Ph. D. from Columbia University, Horne has written more than fifteen books about African Americans addressing labor, civil rights and equality.

"I attended because the topic of the lecture was something I knew nothing about and I felt it was a good opportunity to further my education and understanding about cultural interactions."

Victoria Webb

"Dr. Horne is one of the most prominent black scholars in the world," said Dr. Gregory Freeland, co-director of the center for Equality and Justice and associate professor of political science.

More than 40 students and faculty from CLU listened to the lecturer in the Roth Nelson Room last Friday.

After an introduction by Freeland, Horne read the first chapter of his novel, along with personal commentary to the audience.

The story of Jack Johnson,



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Photograph from left to right, speaker Dr. Gerald Horne and Dr. Gregory Freeland.

the first black heavyweight boxer of the world, begins and ends the chapter with his dilemma to either stay in the U.S. or cross the border to Mexico.

"One man is as good as another," Johnson said.

Horne uses Johnson to symbolize the attitudes and relationships between African Americans and Mexican Americans.

Explaining the relationships among African Americans, Mexican Americans and Native Americans, his novel describes historical events that incorporate all three of these groups.

Using his book as a basis Horne explained for what lead to, who was involved with and the outcome of the Mexican Revolution.

"I attended because the topic of the lecture was something I knew nothing about and I felt it was a good opportunity to further my education and understanding about cultural interactions," Victoria Webb said.

With history as his guide, Horne followed the relationship between Mexicans and African Americans and he argued the significance of the relationship between the two.

Having abolished slavery decades prior in the U.S., Mexico was a welcome haven for a black man Horne said.

He is one speaker in a series of lectures by the Center for Equality and Justice.

Students can look for events featuring Eileen Boris "From Security to Rehabilitation to Rights: Women, Welfare and



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Dr. Gerald Horne speaks about his book to CLU.

Poverty" and a faculty panel titled "Religion and Spirituality: Ethical, Ritual and Linguistic Dimensions" in the spring semester.

"All of these events have to do with some kind of ethnic issue," Freeland said.

The center is new to CLU as of spring 2007 and is directed by Freeland.

A series of events and lectures are put on by the center, formerly the Gender and Ethnic Studies program, which include themes of, race and gender issues on equality and justice in the U.S.

More information about

guest lectures can be found on the [www.cal Lutheran.edu](http://www.cal Lutheran.edu) Web site and information about the center can be found by calling Dr. Freeland at (805) 493-3477.







# Young alumni give advice

By Clair Tenney

STAFF WRITER

An hour-long panel with five recent California Lutheran University graduates under the age of 25 brought advice on life after college, jobs, money and the importance of networking to student attendants last week.

The panel "5 under 25," featured recent graduates Malika Rice '02, Laura Riley '03, Kyle Paterik '05, Jen Ledesma '05 and Mark Glesne '03, who shared why they chose their degree, first jobs out of college and where they are today.

Nicole Hackbarth, assistant director of Alumni Relations, organized the event.

She thought the panel would be useful to students because of her work in Student Life, where students would always ask her what they would do after graduation.

"By bringing in younger graduates, they are more relatable to the students," Hackbarth said. "We made sure we were representing different areas, fields, singles and married, people who had bought their first house or those jumping around from job to job."

The panel of five alumni was diverse. All of the graduates earned different degrees, held a wide range of jobs and were at different stages in their career and lives.

Ledesma graduated CLU with a degree in communication and an emphasis in public relations and marketing.

She worked in hotel management for a year at the Westlake Hyatt and is working in the admission department at Brooks Institute of Photography.

Glesne graduated from CLU with a degree in communication and an emphasis in advertising

and a minor in sociology.

Glesne is a corporate marketing specialist for the computer software company, OmniUpdate Inc.

He is a U.S. Marine in the active reserves and is married to a CLU alumna.

He suggests to never ask for a raise for something you have done, always ask for a raise based on something you will do.

"The way you make money these days is hopping jobs and honing skills," Glesne said.

Paterik graduated CLU with a degree in business administration with a dual emphasis in finance and marketing.

After his junior year of college, Paterik was hired at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as an intern, which later turned into a permanent job offer.

"I have learned to market myself in any life form on this planet," he said.

Rice earned her degree in sociology from CLU.

After graduation she was offered a full-time job from her internship at Warren Cowan and Associates.

She has gone on to be Paula Abdul's personal assistant, an executive assistant at "On Air with Ryan Seacrest," associate talent coordinator for MTV, and Associate Producer for Extreme Makeover Home Edition.

The day of the panel, Rice had ended her job working to produce an album for Seven Productions artist Trevor Thompson.

Riley received her degree in liberal studies and went on to complete her teaching credential through the School of Education.

She is in her third year of teaching first grade at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School in the Pleasant Valley Unified School District. She recently purchased her first home with her husband.



Photograph by Karl Olhus

Speakers are alumni from CLU that have had success in their professional and personal lives.

The alumni discussed their first major purchases, being able to pay rent, buying their first car and their first bed.

They also gave tips on paying off your loans after college; consolidate all your loans after graduation.

Getting started financially after college is the base.

You can ruin yourself easily those first couple of years, alumni said.

The panel suggested always knowing what you make after you pay off your bills, knowing when your bills are coming in and when your paycheck will be coming.

They also shared what their favorite thing was about being out of college.

"If I went out in college, I always thought that something was weighing on me like I had something to do. In work you leave your work at the office," Rice said. "You have the option

to choose what you want to do. You can be safe and save or you can go on crazy adventures."

Glesne shared his fears about starting a job and the knowledge he gained while working.

"You are trained on the job. When you get out there, you realize nobody knows what they are doing at first," he said.

He also discussed his thoughts on not going straight into graduate school, especially as a communication major.

"You need experience first," Glesne said. "Now when I go to graduate school there is a purpose, I want to get something out of it."

Something that the panel unanimously agreed on was the importance of networking.

Four out of five people on the panel got their first job from someone they knew.

"Your paycheck will be directly based on who you know," Rice said.

The panel, along with Hackbarth, stressed the importance of always tweaking and sending out your resume and constantly going on interviews.

They even suggested creating different resumes for different types of jobs.

Glesne shared that he changes his resume every two weeks, either by adding a new task or altering something to read better.

"Go on interviews," Ledesma said. "It's always good practice, if you don't get out there in awhile things change, questions change, there will be something you don't know."

Rice and Hackbarth also honed on the importance of doing something you love.

"Don't have a job that you don't want to wake up and go to in the morning," Rice said. "There is too much out there. Find something you are passionate about."

# Valentine's Day celebrated with family members

By Nicole Nathanson

STAFF WRITER

This year, student programs gave students the opportunity to send Valentines to loved ones without worrying about the expense of postage stamps.

Mitzi Ward, coordinator of this year's valentines in the Student Union Building, wanted students to take a moment to reach out to their loved ones.

"The love we share comes back to us," Ward said. "We hope students will see how powerful a little note of love and thanks can be."

Ward added this program in January, and with the response it received this year, it will most definitely be added to next year's planning.

Since the program was added so recently, Ward had to constantly re-fill valentine card supplies throughout the two days, as students were eager to send notes to loved ones.

Students could send a maximum of three valentines with heart candies enclosed, while Student Programs paid for the postage.

Throughout the course of the two days a total of 120 students sent 210 Valentine's Day cards.

The initial hopes in having this program was to show loved ones outside of the California Lutheran University community that they are in the thoughts of the students.

"They are our support group and part of our extended CLU family, and we want to make

sure we take the time to share this part of our lives with them," Ward said.

Sophomore Jessica Schroeder was one of the 120 students to participate in the Valentine's Day program.

She sent valentines to her parents, grandparents and sister.

"If it weren't for the Valentines in the Student Union Building I probably would not have sent them," she said.

"A handwritten note is a simple and inexpensive way to make someone's Valentine's Day," Ward said.

As college students get distracted in their studies and social responsibilities they tend to forget to contact their loved ones every once in a while.

Sending a valentine to a

grandparent or one's parents is the perfect opportunity to let them know you care and are thinking about them.

Moorpark local, junior Chris Rouse, sent valentines to his younger sister Kelsey, his grandparents and his parents.

"If the free valentines were not provided in the Student Union Building I would have hand-delivered my valentines or done an e-valentine," Rouse said.

Although Rouse is just a couple miles from home, it is very possible to forget to reach out to loved ones and let them know that you care.

"Nothing could stop me from sharing the joy of valentine's Day with the people that I love the most," he said.

The free valentines were set

up in the SUB and publicized a great deal over campus to encourage students to participate.

Although the program is over, it is not too late to send a note to your love ones and let them know that you are thinking of them.

A simple e-valentine is completely free, so one does not have to worry about postage.







## Options for graduating students

By Chad Dunavant

STAFF WRITER

Several volunteer groups and California Lutheran University students came together in the Lundry room last week to discuss opportunities to delay the real world.

Jenn Main, CLU intern at the Community Service Center, was the event coordinator.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps and Por un Mejor HOY, "For a Better Today," were among the volunteer groups that gave insight on what their organization

specialized in.

"This is a very real experience for people just out of college to volunteer time in 54 locations in America and Abroad," said Nancy Castignetti, Desert Volunteer Corp. "It is also very intense work in some very intense places."

Dr. Jarvis Streeter, a professor at CLU, said of his experience that is was the best year yet not the easiest year of his life. It included climbing Mount Kenya, the tallest mountain in Africa.

This event was inspired by

the book, "Delaying the Real World."

"The book is a tool for post-college students to get inspired and think about traveling, volunteering or just trying out life somewhere new for a while," Main said. "The idea that the cubicle can wait pertains to gaining meaningful life experiences before starting the 9-5."

A few organizations were unable to make it including ELCA Global Missions, Volunteers for Peace and Orphanage Outreach.

Nick Gordon, a CLU gradu-

ate representing Americorps, had some insight into getting connected with any of these organizations.

"The application process is quite simple as well as quick. Starting with a phone interview followed by a face-to-face interview," Gordon said. "The volunteer is even allowed living expenses, food and board, travel expenses and great health care coverage for the volunteers."

Senior Jimmy Wall served his internship with Amnesty International in Washington D.C.

"It was an amazing experience that I would recommend to everyone," Wall said.

Main also gave her personal opinion about these organizations.

"I would love to join one of these organizations; I am a firm believer that life is a journey, not a destination," Main said. "I think spending a few months abroad would be an unforgettable experience that I'll never regret."

For more information contact the Community Service Center at csc@clunet.edu or x3981.

## Communication professionals give advice

By Sabrina Fraillich

STAFF WRITER

Four communication professionals spoke about their career success and gave advice on finding the dream job in the communication field.

The "Careers in Communication Speaker Panel" took place Thursday in the Roth Nelson Room.

Speakers were Steve Hess, Katie Johnson, Dustin Luther and Stacy O'Donnell.

The question the speakers were there to answer was, "What can you do with your communication major?"

Most of the attendees were communication majors and professionals.

Speakers told their individual stories about getting to where they are now and included the

advice that has led to their success.

O'Donnell told how she wanted to be a teacher, so she got her degree and started teaching.

Later, deciding that the job was not for her, she went back to school and earned degree in administration. Soon after, she landed a job as a receptionist at Bunim-Murray Productions.

She was very happy there because it felt like family O'Donnell said.

With time and dedication she worked her way up to the Human Resource department where she is now vice president.

"You have to be willing to wear a lot of different hats," O'Donnell said.

She expressed to the audience that it was okay if you don't know exactly what you want your career to be.

"It's all about sending out your resume to as many people as you can," O'Donnell said.

CLU alumna Johnson, works as a production coordinator for Ehler Publishing Group, a subsidiary of Affinity Group, Inc. Johnson is in charge of producing three magazines.

She determines where ads will be placed, which end of the magazine certain stories will appear and much more.

"Everyday is a challenge that I look forward to meeting," Johnson said.

She also worked her way up at the company to take her position.

"I was willing to take on whatever was thrown at me. Don't be afraid to work somewhere small either," Johnson said.

Luther is another example of starting in one field and end-

ing up in a completely different area.

He started as an engineer and is now the director of interactive marketing at Move, Inc.

Luther earned his fame in the online marketing industry by teaching real estate professionals how they could use social networking tools to build their reputations and become an online resource in their communities.

"I don't let what I know sit in my e-mail outbox," Luther said. "I share with everyone in a blog."

Another CLU alumnus, Hess, is the sales manager for Goldcoast Broadcasting.

His time spent talking to the audience was filled with advice and the occasional joke.

Hess seemed to keep a smile on everyone's face, but his wisdom was serious.

"Listen twice as much as you talk," he said. "Work harder, longer and smarter."

It also took Hess some time before he found his dream job.

Hess worked as a production coordinator and did a few various jobs in television before he ended up in radio.

"If you have the passion to do what you love, the money will follow," he said.

The speakers agreed that the best way to get ahead is to put in the time and effort. "Resumes are good, but it's about being there," he said.

The communication field is very broad and there are many jobs in the field to explore.

All of the speakers found their passion in one and they prove that finding a dream job is possible.

## Author speaks on politics of the U.S.-Mexico border

By Matt Malasci

STAFF WRITER

Citizens of two Los Angeles communities were political opposites, which surprised Dr. Lisa Garcia Bedolla she said while lecturing last Wednesday at the Samuelson Chapel.

Bedolla, the associate professor of political science and chicano/latino Studies at the UC Irvine, was a part of the ongoing series, The Alma and Clifford Pearson Distinguished Speakers Series, hosted by the School of Business and the Center for Leadership and Values.

The two areas Bedolla researched were East L.A., a lower to working-class area, and Montebello, which is one of the only middle-class Latino-majority cities in the United States.

"The residents of East Los Angeles were more politically active, while those from Montebello were apathetic for

the most part," Bedolla said.

Dr. Jamshid Damooei introduced Bedolla before she took to the podium to address questions regarding the recent mobilization of Latinos as a result of Proposition 187.

Bedolla's lecture was titled, "Fluid Borders: Latino Power, Identity and Politics, and she is promoting her book of the same name, which has won the American Political Science Association's Ralph Bunche for best book award from the American Political Science Association's Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section.

The results of her findings were published in this book, and she has also had articles appearing in the Journal of Politics, Politics and Gender, Latino Studies, the Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy, State Politics and Policy Quarterly.

"We are very lucky to have such a distinguished guest here at

California Lutheran University," said Dr. Charles Maxey, dean of the School of Business, who welcomed those that attended the lecture.

**"The residents of East Los Angeles were more politically active, while those from Montebello were apathetic for the most part."**

Dr. Lisa Garcia Bedolla

The Alma and Clifford Pearson Distinguished Speakers Series, sponsored jointly by the Center for Equality and Justice,

Campus Ministry and the Political Science and Religion Departments, will have two more speakers in the series appearing during the spring.

"Each year, there is a perspective we take with this lecture series," Damooei said. "This year's emphasis is the challenges of Hispanics."

Damooei says the center plans to bring in a total of six speakers for this year.

"Some of the speakers from earlier this year included Ms. Delores Huerta, Mr. Steve Vernon and Dr. Marcos Vargas," he said. "They all lectured on subjects relating to the challenges of Hispanics."

Damooei also said the aim of the series is to present a topic that will relate to issues in our region or nation, brings scholars, people of knowledge and experience to share with university, to enhance understanding, provide discussion and to get deeper into the

issue.

He emphasized that the series does not advocate a certain viewpoint, but instead facilitates an exchange of ideas and opinions in an academic setting.

Those who wish to get more information on The Clifford and Alma Pearson Distinguished Speaker Series can visit [www.callutheran.edu/CLV/speakers/index](http://www.callutheran.edu/CLV/speakers/index) and more information on the Center for Leadership and Values can be found at [www.callutheran.edu/CLV/center/index](http://www.callutheran.edu/CLV/center/index).





# THE ECHO Calendar

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E v e n t s			
WEDNESDAY February 14	THURSDAY February 15	FRIDAY February 16	SATURDAY February 17
<b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!</b> Chapel Service Overton Hall, 10:10 a.m. Women's Tennis vs La Sierra The Courts, 2:30 p.m. Kickboxing Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m. Martial Arts/Self Defense Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.	Chinese New Year Celebration SUB, 6 p.m. Golf vs. Chapman University North Field?, 12:30 p.m. "Books & Brew" Nelson Rm., 4 p.m. Yoga Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m. Kickboxing Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m.	Women's Tennis vs. La Verne The Courts, 2 p.m. Yoga Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m. Pilates Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m. Common Ground Communion Samuelson Chapel, 7 p.m.	Men's Tennis vs. Caltech The Courts, 9:30 a.m. <b>League Sports:</b> <b>8 on 8 Outdoor Soccer</b> West Field, 11a.m. - 5 p.m.
SUNDAY February 18	MONDAY February 19	TUESDAY February 20	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
Lord of Life Worship Service Samuelson Chapel, 6:15 p.m. Softball vs. Alumni Game Ullman Stadium, 1 p.m. <b>League Sports:</b> Women's Powder Puff Football Mt. Clef Stadium, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Men's Flag Football Soiland Center, 5 p.m. -9 p.m.	<b>PRESIDENTS DAY NO CLASSES</b> Movie: "Stand & Deliver" Conejo Lounge, 7 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Caltech Gilbert Arena, 7:30 p.m.	Presidential Inauguration Celebration Begins Engaging the World Ahmanson Lobby, 10 a.m., Yoga Dance & Fitness Studio, 5 p.m. Pilates Dance & Fitness Studio, 6 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Caltech Gilbert Arena,	The Kwan Fong Art Exhibit & The "Burn's Brain" Art Exhibit in Overton Hall ends, so if you have not seen it yet, catch it on it's way out this week!

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

### MOVIE NIGHTS

presented by

Human Rights Club & R.A. Elliott Elsner

**"Stand & Deliver"**  
Monday, Feb. 19

**"Paperclips"**  
Monday, Feb. 26

**"The Laramie Project"**  
Monday, March 5

Join us at 7 p.m. in the Conejo Lounge

The Inauguration of

**John R. Sladek, Ph.D.**  
as the University's Sixth President  
Inauguration Week Events

**ENGAGING THE WORLD**  
Tuesday, February 20, 2007  
Student Designed Community  
Service Projects  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Ahmanson Science Center Lobby

**ENLIVENING THE SPIRIT**  
Wednesday, February 21, 2007  
Ash Wednesday Chapel Service  
10:00 am  
Samuelson Chapel

**ENLIGHTENING THE MIND**  
Thursday, February 22, 2007  
Faith and Reason Symposium  
10:30 am  
Preus-Brandt Forum

Entrepreneurship in the Arts Symposium  
1:00 pm  
Preus-Brandt Forum

Advances in Neuroscience Symposium  
2:30 pm  
Preus-Brandt Forum

A Celebration of the Arts  
8:00 pm  
Samuelson Chapel

**ENVISIONING  
THE UNIVERSITY**  
Friday, February 23, 2007  
Campus Luncheon  
11:30 am  
Courtyard, Gilbert Center

Installation Ceremony  
2:00 pm  
Arena, Gilbert Center

Reception  
Immediately following the  
Installation Ceremony  
Courtyard, Gilbert Center

\*Please note, classes are cancelled after  
12:00 pm on Friday, February 23, 2007  
to encourage students to attend  
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# THE ECHO Features

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## Students return from Guanajuato, Mexico

By Stephanie Aguilar

STAFF WRITER

Every year, hundreds of college students decide to take their studies to a foreign destination. With multiple options, one might find it quite hard to choose.

California Lutheran University offers an array of options, which include Europe, China, the Netherlands and countless others. One destination that sparks interest in many students is Guanajuato, located in central Mexico.

"I decided to go because I really wanted to study abroad," said Bettina Guerrero, who just returned from her fall 2006 trip to Guanajuato. "I decided on Mexico because I have always

wanted to improve my Spanish and truly indulge in my culture."

Many choose this particular destination for various reasons; some to improve their second language, others to simply understand their culture or to learn about others.

"I wanted to better my Spanish, so that I could write it well," participant Brenda Ramirez said.

Studying in a foreign country may be difficult, being in an unfamiliar place with new faces and a new culture to grow accustomed to, is not easy, but for these students, a change of pace was a nice experience.

"I enjoyed being in a completely different environment and

experiencing another culture's way of living," Jayme Harris said. "I feel very grateful to have been able to see and learn new things in such a beautiful and historic city. I loved school in Guanajuato, the teachers were wonderful and we made lifelong friends from all over the world."

Schooling may be hard, whether you are in your environment or in an extremely different one, but students make it work and come back home with great experiences of the education they received.

"The teachers in Guanajuato were extremely helpful and friendly," Guerrero said. "The classes were not as intense as they are here. The professors

understood that we were foreign kids."

There are many aspects to explore in a different country and many new and diverse people to get to know, as well as new surroundings.

"I really enjoyed getting a different perspective of life," Ramirez said. "They had the best food and the best people. They were all so down-to-earth. I learned to value life more. I loved meeting so many different people from different countries. They had such interesting perspectives. We would go to cafés and talk about everything."

Meeting new people and becoming familiar with a new location is not all that can be done

while studying abroad. There are many exciting activities one can venture on, including going out with new friends.

"Guanajuato is a real night town, so every night the streets were filled with people, music and food and, of course, going to local bars with friends is a must over there," Guerrero said.

CLU's Study Abroad Center is taking applications for programs beginning in summer and fall. The priority deadline Feb. 28. They are open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If interested in studying abroad these upcoming semesters, students can attend an information session, which are every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

## Former student pursues career in business

By Stephanie Lucas

STAFF WRITER

Going to a job recruiting day set up by Career Services just may get you that job connection that you are searching for.

Candice Cullen, a 2003 California Lutheran University graduate, discovered that firsthand when she made connections with a recruiter from Amgen during the second semester of her senior year. She continued talking with the Amgen contact and is now an employee.

"Right after I graduated I was hired as a temp [worker], and 11 months later I was hired full time in Human Resources," Cullen said.

She is working as the executive assistant to the vice president of Human Resources.

"I help [the vice president] with her daily activities, plan meetings, prepare agendas and various other tasks," she said.

Cullen is originally from Simi Valley and she graduated CLU with a Bachelor of Science degree in business. She worked as a departmental assistant in the School of Business, and also worked in the cafeteria. Cullen said she gained the confidence she needed while she was an undergrad.

"CLU taught me the skills I need to exceed in the roles that I've had," she said.

Like many CLU alumni, she credits her professors because they always challenged her daily in the classroom.

"My business professors really opened my eyes to human

resources," she said.

"They taught me business ethics and how to break into the workforce."

"Your first job right out of college probably won't be the best. Don't get discouraged though, it takes time."

Candice Cullen

Cullen strongly encourages undergraduate students to actively seek jobs that interest them.

"Really take the time to think about what [you] want to do,"

she said. "Make sure to network; this is a major resource to use at CLU."

Cullen advises all students, especially seniors, to do research about careers they can see themselves working at in the future.

"Senior year, check out the industry that you are interested in, and what requirements it takes to get in [the field]," she said.

Cullen also believes that it is okay not to have your first job be your dream job, but to actively pursue that type of job.

"Your first job right out of college probably won't be the best. Don't get discouraged though, it takes time," she said.

Cullen stresses the importance of finding a job that suits you best, and she found this with Amgen.

"[It is so important] to feel good about what you do and try to figure out what you like, because you will have to do it for a long time," she said.

Though Cullen stresses the importance of searching for a job, she also wants students not to take college life for granted.

"It is important for students in college to take the time to have fun and enjoy CLU activities, because life becomes very structured when you get into a job," she said.

Cullen has plans to go back to school and get a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources and ultimately continue to progress in her career path in human resources. She wants to continue to work with Amgen.

## Spread the love today

By Kelly Barnett

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Whether you prefer to call it "Valentine's Day" or "Single Awareness Day," it might help to know the history of the holiday before writing it off as "just a day when you cannot help but scrutinize your current relationship status."

The Echo features editor, Ciella Espinoza, expressed to me her irritation with people who despise Valentine's Day simply because they are single. I told her that I too have been guilty of cursing the holiday in recent years, absent of a Valentine. She then explained her viewpoint of Valentine's Day being a day to simply celebrate "love."

"Valentine's Day is not just about couples in love," Espinoza said. "It can also be about celebrating the love between two friends, a mother and her child

or even an old lady and her cats. Everyone has someone or something in their life that they love."

This year, Student Programs has encouraged students to adopt this same philosophy by setting up a valentine card station in the Student Union Building, giving students the chance to send Valentines and heart candies to their parents and the people they care about.

This prompted me to further investigate the history of Valentine's Day. I had always known that it was the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day, but I was curious as to how the holiday had changed over the centuries.

In one story according to [www.history.com](http://www.history.com), Valentine is thought of as the protector and guardian of young love. Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better

soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men--his crop of potential soldiers. Realizing the injustice of the decree, Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. I found it interesting that by the middle of the 18th century, it was common for friends as well as lovers in all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes.

So, if the gushiness of the flowers, candy, jewelry and hand-holding of this oh-so-Hallmark holiday makes you queasy, maybe you can send some love to your parents, your little brother, your golden retriever or your very friendly dry-cleaning lady.

## Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- Approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year.
- Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women.
- The expression "wearing your heart on your sleeve" comes from a Valentine's Day party tradition. Young women would write their names on slips of paper to be drawn by young men. A man would then wear a woman's name on his sleeve to claim her as his valentine.



## Survivor raises money to race for life



Photograph courtesy of Jeff Schleien

Cancer survivor, Jeff Schleien has devoted himself to raising money for cancer research.

**By Arlet Collins**

STAFF WRITER

Jeff Schleien, an adjunct faculty member at California Lutheran University, is raising awareness for leukemia and lymphoma. His mission is to inform CLU about what he is doing in order to help raise money for research to find a cure.

Leukemia and lymphoma are affecting thousands of people today. Though there is much research to be completed to discover a cure, time and funds to complete the research is not always available.

"Cancer is the furthest thing from your mind but it can hit anyone at any time whether you are 20 or 38 or older," Schleien said. "Beware of the symptoms because they can come up at

anytime."

Hailey Joy Kent, 7 months old, suffers from Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. Her twin brother, Ryan, is perfectly healthy but Hailey is in continual need of blood and platelets due to the transfusions she must receive after undergoing her chemotherapy treatments.

She will most likely need a bone marrow transplant but because her blood type is "O negative," she can only receive "O negative" blood, which is generally more difficult to find since it is a rarer blood type. Kent is Schleien's honored teammate who he will also be supporting in his efforts to raise awareness.

Schleien is an alumnus of CLU, where he received his master's degree in Business Administration. He works as a



Photograph courtesy of Jeff Schleien

Schleien with his family at Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim.

financial planner for Metlife and is an adjunct faculty member on campus, teaching courses in the MBA program.

At age 38, Schleien was notified by his regular physician that he had symptoms of cancer. The specific type of cancer could only be determined by an oncologist, who diagnosed him with Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

"I am a goal-oriented person, always looking toward the next step, but when you find out you have cancer, your mind immediately goes to questioning," Schleien said.

He thought about his wife, Tara, and his children, who at the time were 9 months old, 3 years old and 5 years old.

"My first thought was about how I wanted to be able to take care of my family," he said.

Schleien had to receive one year of intense treatment. He underwent a stem cell transplant and qualified as part of a new study that used radioactive isotope. According to Schleien, the treatment was intense but the research was incredible.

"You have to look at the comedy of it all. If you focus too much on the cancer it can consume you. Here I was a part of this new study, in an isolated

room, and these men in space suits come in with this lead box that contained the radioactive isotope," Schleien said. "The kids still have fun turning out the lights and watching me glow."

Six years after his diagnosis, Schleien is celebrating five years of remission. In honor of his remission, he is raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and its program Team in Training.

"I promised myself to raise money for leukemia and lymphoma at some point," Schleien said. Instead of celebrating his birthday, he chose to join the TNT program.

"Everyday is like a birthday for me and I thought this would be a good chance to follow through with my promise," he said.

TNT, established in 1988, is an endurance sports training program that has risen over \$660 million in funds for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. They train people to run or walk marathons and half-marathons. Participants must raise money for the events and all proceeds will be put toward the funding for research programs held by LLS.

Schleien will be participating in the half-marathon, a total

of 13.1 miles, in Alaska. He has been training every week with other participants in TNT. The marathon in Alaska is considered to be a higher barrier marathon, with \$4,800 being the minimum entry amount received in order to participate. His goal is to raise at least \$5,000 and he has a dream goal to raise \$10,000 before his race.

He has almost reached his \$5,000 goal and is asking for continuous participation in making donations. There are set amounts of donations that can be given, but any amount will help tremendously. His information can be found available on the TNT Web site at [www.active.com/donate/tntgl/tntglajSchlei](http://www.active.com/donate/tntgl/tntglajSchlei).

Schleien and his honored teammate Kent are not the only ones to suffer from these deadly blood cancers. In the time of 2006-2007, there are almost 120,000 cases of leukemia and lymphoma that are expected to occur.

"Cancer is the furthest thing from your mind but it can hit anyone at any time whether you are 20 or 38 or older."

*Jeff Schleien*

Schleien wants members of the CLU community to become aware of the growing number of people of all ages who have been diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma. More information about the disease can be found in the LLS 2006-2007 Facts at [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/attachments/National/br\\_1152629053.pdf](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/attachments/National/br_1152629053.pdf).

## Student pioneers group to promote tolerance

**By Amy Vogt**

STAFF WRITER

"Not in Our Hall" is a new Resident Assistant program that brings together people who want to take a stance against discrimination based on race, religious beliefs, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

Created by Resident Assistant Elliot Elsner, "Not in Our Hall" establishes a safe space.

"It allows people to get together without censoring themselves and take a stance against hate," he said.

Elsner has served on ASCLU for three years and is a very active member of California Lutheran University and the Thousand Oaks community. He believed that CLU was pretty good about providing an open and diverse environment but there are always a few students whose behavior is inexcusable.

"[Not in Our Hall] is about letting people know that discrimination is not OK," Elsner said.

Elsner got the idea "Not in Our Hall" from a woman who started a similar program at UC Santa Barbara. He said that he

knew right away that he wanted to bring this program to CLU.

Quite a few on-campus organizations and clubs, such as the Human Rights Club, have expressed interest in the program. Elsner hopes that they all will participate in activities and that it will be a way to unite everyone and join forces against hate.

One tool he used to promote his program was the popular Web site, Facebook. Elsner created an open group that gave a brief description of his program and he said that by the end of the first day there were more than

75 members. Elsner was overwhelmed.

"It was an awesome experience to realize that so many people care immediately," Elsner said.

Now at nearly 100 members, the group is a great resource for updates of up-and-coming events. The group meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Conejo Hall upstairs lounge.

Elsner describes the meetings as having an "informal atmosphere that allows students to explore issues."

In addition to discussions, he

has selected several films to show dealing with racism and other issues. Next week, the group will be viewing "Stand and Deliver," a movie about a dedicated teacher who inspires his inner city students to do well in school.

Elsner is also planning a trip down to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles sometime after spring break. He is determined to make "Not In Our Hall" a success. He believes that information is more valuable than intolerance and that this program will make a difference at CLU.





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## Model U.N. makes trip to Boston

By Kimberly Benning  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Model United Nations class will be taking a trip to Boston today to represent the country of Jamaica at the Harvard National Model United Nations Conference.

"It's like a regular United Nations conference," said Jessica Kolstad, a sophomore political science major.

She explained that each school that is participating is assigned a country and the students must act as the U.N. representatives from that country at the conference.

"You have to play the role of your country," Kolstad said. "You can't ever go out of character."

"All the countries in the real U.N. are represented at the conference," said sophomore Joe Lubas, who was involved in his high school's Model U.N. before coming to CLU.

Schools from all around the world will attend the conference, and CLU's Model U.N. students are excited to have the opportunity to network with other Model U.N. students from around the globe.

"I'm really excited to go

and meet new people and work with different kinds of people," said Joelle Cortez, a sophomore studying political science, sociology and women's studies.

The Political Science department is generously paying for the students' hotel rooms in Boston.

"We raised money by selling bagels," Kolstad said.

**"You have to play the role of your country. You can't ever go out of character."**

Jessica Kolstad

But bagel sales weren't enough. Megan Lysaght, a junior political science major, explained that the students were originally going to have to pay for their own airfare, but upon learning how expensive it was, they asked Dr. Chris Kimball, Provost, for help and he agreed.

"A lot of us wouldn't have been able to go otherwise," Lysaght said. "The airfare was so expensive."

This is the first year par-

ticipating in Model U.N. for Kolstad, Lubas, Cortez and Lysaght.

"I've never done anything like it before," Cortez said. "It's a good way to interact with people."

"I would love to work for the actual UN," Lysaght said.

She joined Model UN because Dr. Gregory Freeland, the adviser, told her it would be a good opportunity.

"It'll be interesting to see if I get any resolutions passed [at the conference]," she said.

Lysaght is excited to be representing Jamaica.

"Jamaica is really proactive in family planning," she said, as she considers family planning to be an important issue.

The class will leave today and return on Monday.

"You have to be invited to [the conference], so it's a big deal," Kolstad said.

There are similar conferences at UC Berkeley and UCLA, as well as other schools around the world.

The year-long Model UN class meets on Mondays at 10 a.m., and is taught by Freeland.

"In a way, it's like a debate club," Lubas said. "It's a really cool class."

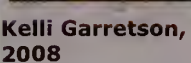
## Campus Quotes

**If you could create a candy conversation heart, what would yours say?**



Phil Myers, 2007

"I'm bringing sexy back...to you."



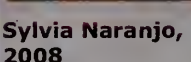
Kelli Garretson, 2008

"You + Me = Us."



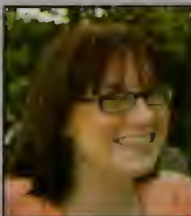
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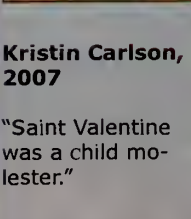
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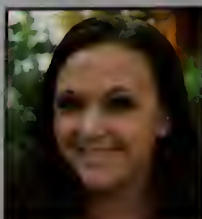
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## Those crazy astronauts...



By Emily Melander

COLUMNIST

Let me first set the scene. The first step is to imagine your brain swelling to the size necessary for the cognitive duties of an astronaut. Now, imagine that you have been trained, physically, mentally and emotionally, for

even the unthinkable to occur. Trust me on this one: in order to properly empathize, I'm going to go ahead and ask you, yes, you, the one reading this paper while avoiding impending homework deadlines, to dim the lights a little bit.

Look at the smartest person around you, and imagine that you were deeply in love with that individual, so deeply in love that you would be willing to pursue and harm any possible competition for the affection that you shared with that disgustingly-smart person. So deeply in love that you would describe your mutual relationship as, "more than a working relationship, but less than a romantic relationship." Sound contradictory? Yeah, I thought so too.

In case you've been living in a hole, let me detail the situation for you. Capt. Lisa M. Nowak, a

43-year-old shuttle mission specialist who returned from space last July, was arrested on charges of attempted murder and kidnapping on Feb. 5.

Only Nowak will ever know why she chose to drive 950 miles carrying weapons and wearing a diaper.

According to Orlando police, Nowak drove 950 miles across America, from her home in Houston to the Orlando airport. She was armed with weapons and a disguise with the plan of confronting and perhaps killing her supposed rival in the illustrious game of love.

Don't worry, the story gets

better. The punch line is that throughout the 950-mile-journey, Nowak was wearing an astronaut's diaper. Go ahead, treat your funny bone to a little exercise. Read that line again and laugh out loud.

Here is the background: Nowak graduated high school as valedictorian and then continued on to graduate from the Naval Academy. She received a master's degree in aeronautical engineering, flew as a test pilot in the mid-1990s while caring for an infant son and became a full-fledged astronaut in 1998.

She recently separated from her husband and began a relationship with fellow NASA space shuttle pilot, William Oefelein. Then, her coveted Oefelein began another relationship with U.S. Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman. It is this competition to which Nowak was reacting.

In all honesty, I think that only Nowak herself knows why she chose to drive from Houston to the Orlando airport. Based on weapons and other items found both in Nowak's possession and in her car, the Orlando Police have charged her with attempting to kidnap and murder Colleen Shipman. Police found pepper spray, a BB-gun, a new steel mallet, a knife and rubber tubing.

Nowak's lawyer, Donald Lykkebak, has said that Nowak had only wanted to talk to Shipman. My question: Is Nowak over her minutes and afraid of overage charges? When I intend on talking to someone, I find that calling them up on the phone, or shooting a quick e-mail is far less conspicuous than driving 950 miles in a diaper, armed with a BB-gun and pepper spray.

## Opportunities abound for student travel

By Alex Candia

COLUMNIST

The spring semester is now about a month over and the weather is getting better. Last week brought a few great days of sunshine and warm air. People are more inclined to travel during good weather, so I suggest that we start traveling. Plenty of great locations exist all over Southern California, but traveling is not exclusive to just this state.

Nothing beats the good old road trip. Road trips are the best times spent in a car with

one or more other people. Good road trips make for the best conversations about everything from new music and movies to current events like the 9/11-status coverage of Anna Nicole Smith.

Bringing a few CDs and some magazines can also fuel the discussion. The advantage of this is getting time to hang out with friends and, on a lesser note, splitting gas during the rising costs in oil.

Popular road trips include going to Chumash Casino in Santa Ynez to maybe pick up or drop off a couple of extra bucks,

regardless, a trip up there lends itself to something to talk about. Also, Disneyland is not too far and always a good time. You can stick around at night for a show at the House of Blues in Anaheim too.

International travel is pretty cool. Spring break gives students the opportunity to spend a week without missing any school to go abroad and have fun.

Just driving down to Los Angeles can be an adventure for most people. Points of interest are the La Brea Tar pits, Museum of Contemporary Art,

Hollywood and Highland and all of the different varieties of fresh markets the city has to offer.

So, maybe you are a part of the population of students that are actually from Southern California, and Disneyland and L.A. have become overplayed and the bane of your existence. Whether you choose to believe it or not, there are other places in this country that you can go. Pick a friend who lives in a different state and visit a relative in a different state or college. These are weekend trips that are fun and easy to do alone.

The best airline prices are out there to be found but Southwest and JetBlue are pretty cheap and can be accessed at [www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com) and

[www.jetblue.com](http://www.jetblue.com).

It is fun to take some time out to be a visitor at a different school or in a different city. I am originally from Chicago, so I try to visit my friends studying at University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, at least once a year: For anyone who doesn't know, it's pronounced "ill-a-noy" not "ill-a-noise." I always end up having a good time, because I get to experience a different version of college.

International travel is pretty cool also. Spring break usually affords students the opportunity to spend a week without missing any school to go abroad and have some fun. It is interesting to see different cultures and different people, sometimes even speak a different language.

Sometimes it can be difficult to plan these trips but companies like EF Tours, Contiki and STA Travel make it easy and affordable. You can find deals at [www.ef-tours.com](http://www.ef-tours.com), [www.contiki.com](http://www.contiki.com), and [www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com).

This is the best time to travel, because most students do not have strenuous work schedules yet, and if you plan ahead properly teachers are usually very cooperative. My advice for this semester is to get out there and travel, even if it is just another trip to L.A.

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performs for the rich –something for nothing.

—George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

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# Trouble brewing for GOP



By Chris McGuinness

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Lately, it seems that the entire media buzz over the 2008 primary has been focused on the Democratic candidates. One cannot pick up a newspaper or turn on the news without seeing the “electrifying” Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., or the “driven” Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y.

While a new CNN/WMUR poll taken in New Hampshire, a critical primary state, shows

Clinton as the front runner, with Obama and former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., close behind, the real news is what the numbers say for the candidates on the other side of the aisle.

The poll places former New York Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, as the top contender in New Hampshire, with 56 percent among likely Republican voters, followed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who stands at 32 percent. The third spot gave Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney 26 percent of likely voters, followed by a long list of nobodies and sideshow candidates, such as Newt Gingrich from Georgia, former Speaker of the House.

While the numbers might not mean much upon first glance, a closer analysis may point to several potential problems for the GOP this coming election season. The biggest problem may be a potential battle between moderate Republicans and the so-called “religious right” or “values voters.”

The truth is that, while Giuliani has a very broad appeal to moderate Republicans, the poll ranked his favorability high among Union households and those who do not attend church, he may not be able to pass the litmus test, guns, gays and God, of the “Republican Right” in the primaries.

Mostly due to his support for gun control, abortion and gay civil unions it will be very difficult to win over primary voters, who historically tend to be the base of the party. In this case, it seems that, while Giuliani would have the best chance to win the national presidential race, he may end up being shut out during the primaries by the far right wing of the conservative party.

This leads us to the No. 2 man in New Hampshire, McCain. Because of his recent courting of conservatives, such as Jerry Falwell and James Doherty, he may very well be garnering the base he needs to win the primaries.

Also, his call to send even more troops into Iraq may also endear him with those who still support the president. However, while this may win him the nomination, it is his support for the president and the “super surge,” that will put him at odds with moderates and may very well cost him the general election in November 2008.

So, with one candidate who can win the national election but not the primary, and another who can win the primary but not the national election, it seems that the Republican Party may run into real trouble in 2008.

As it stands, the party must make a choice on whether to jettison its fervent, energized, yet out-of-touch base or, dump moderates and hope that it can mobilize a shrinking far right constituency.

It will be a difficult choice and will fundamentally change the party no matter what is chosen. Any indecision will undoubtedly cost them the presidency.

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# Can naptime increase productivity?



By Natasha Terry

COLUMNIST

Most people find themselves tired and unproductive at work after lunch. Do you think we should be allowed to take a nap after lunch? The French say yes. The French are seeking to have a national naptime instituted in order to create more productivity out of their workers.

As it is, the French barely work compared to the workaholics who work 40-plus hours a week in the United States. Also, the French are given an unbelievably generous eight weeks of paid vacation. Now they want to have a national naptime instituted.

The French health minister

wants to create a period of time for workers to have the ability to take a nap while they are on the job. Health Minister Xavier Bertrand is promoting studies to see if it would prove useful for employees to sleep on the job. Fifty-six percent of the French complain of poor nights of sleep, which ultimately affect their job performance.

Most people say they would be more productive after lunch if they were allowed to take a nap. I know that I would be more productive if I could take a nap at work.

Studies have shown that most people become tired after lunch and are less productive until the drowsiness subsides. Bertrand might be on to something with naptime for adults.

The French are not the only ones pushing for naptime. The Spanish have what they call a “siesta,” which is a period of three hours or so in the afternoon when businesses close and everyone is encouraged to take a nap.

The idea of a “national naptime” came about as a way to deal with the intense heat of the summer months in Spain. However, the Spanish are slowly moving away from their siestas in order to keep up with the

European economy. They no longer have the time to nap for three hours in the afternoon if they want to keep up with the growing economy of Europe and the U.S. In order for companies to be productive, their employees need to get enough sleep. It is apparent that they are not getting enough sleep through the night, but most businesses do not offer a place for its employees to take a nap and recharge.

Naps are often seen as a sign of laziness, which is a weakness. However, recent studies have shown that if people were allowed a 15 to 30-minute “power nap” in the afternoon they would be recharged and ultimately more productive in the workplace.

Most businesses would choose to have more productivity out of their employees, so a national naptime might prove useful. Plus, it makes for healthier employees. Studies have shown that lack of sleep leads to more stress, which can cause high blood pressure, heart disease and other problems.

As an employer, you may lose 30 minutes of work time from your employees, but the remaining hours in the day will be more productive. The employees will probably be happier and more

pleasant. This is always a plus, especially in customer service positions.

It seems that a national naptime would prove good for all

involved and most people would agree. Naptime at work is a good move and maybe we should take something that the French say seriously.



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## CLU looks to impress at Cerritos



By Kevin Baxter  
STAFF WRITER

As the 2006-07 season winds down, the California Lutheran University swimming and diving teams head into the three-day Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships on Thursday at Cerritos College and hope to finish their season strong.

The Kingsmen enter Thursday's championships with a record of 3-4 in their SCIAAC meets while the women go in with a 5-2 record.

Freshman swimmer Ben Hogue, who broke the school record in the men's 200-yard

breaststroke on Feb. 3 at La Verne, thinks the men's team is right where they need to be heading into the conference championships.

"Beating La Verne shows people the depth that we have now," Hogue said. "We have surprised a lot of people."

Last season, the Kingsmen finished in sixth place at the conference championships with 244 points. The Regals took home a fifth place finish in 2006 with 338 total points.

The Regals look to improve upon their fifth place finish one year ago to cap a season where they have shown many signs of being an improved program including a four-meet win streak to kick off the season.

"We are going to do so much better than we did at last year," said sophomore Jill Minehan. "A lot of the other schools are going to be shocked when we get to the championships."

Minehan, who finished in fourth place last year in two

events at the championships looks to improve her personal finishes this year when she competes in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke, the 100-yard backstroke and two team relays.

"Beating La Verne shows people the depth that we have now."

Ben Hogue

"I really need to focus on my own race rather than what the competition is doing," Minehan said.

Sophomore diver Eric Vaughn participated in the diving prelims at Cerritos College on Saturday and qualified as one of the top eight divers who will participate in the conference championships in the one-

meter and three-meter diving competitions. In the one-meter, Vaughn finished in sixth place and he qualified in the three-meter dive after finishing in the final qualifying eighth spot.

"It was really close," Vaughn said. "I felt like I dove well though. I felt like I dove better than I had been at diving at practice."

Vaughn will now compete in the SCIAAC Championships on Thursday and Friday at Cerritos College and knows that he will have to be on top of his game as he will be competing amongst the top eight divers in the conference.

On Jan. 29 all the members of the aquatics programs at CLU participated in the "The Plunge" in which all the members of CLU aquatics jumped into the brand new pool at the Samuelson Aquatics Center on north campus. The event was held to celebrate the opening of the new pool that all the athletes have been waiting for



patiently.

"It was an amazing time. It's such a surreal feeling to have our own pool now," Minehan said, "and jumping in the pool with the rest of the aquatics teams was a lot of fun."

Minehan, along with Vaughn and other members of the aquatics program, is excited not only about having their own pool on campus, but saving money on gas that they would use everyday driving to Westlake Village for practice.

"It really was like a rebirth of the program," Vaughn said. "It is huge knowing we have our own pool now and it really is a beautiful facility."

## Baseball falls to No. 2 Chapman



By Cory Schuett  
STAFF WRITER

The season is still young but the first hurdle of the year proved to be too tall for the Kingsmen, who were swept in a three-game series with No. 2 Chapman by scores of 7-1, 5-2 and 18-7 this weekend.

CLU (2-3) hopes to get back on track at the Arizona Desert Classic, a four-day tournament featuring four SCIAAC teams and four Northwest Conference teams.

"We didn't play very well [against Chapman]," head coach Marty Slimak said. "We played a better team but didn't play up to our potential. We play some good teams in the tournament and look to rebound."

The tournament begins against 2004 Division III national champions George Fox. The Bruins finished ranked No. 23 last season and have the talent to be among the elite teams this year.

On Friday, the Kingsmen take on Pacific Lutheran. The Lutes return 11 pitchers, and ten seniors overall, from last year's roster and aim to compete for the NWC crown.

The weekend starts against



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**ON THE DIAMOND** - Junior pitcher Danny Caldwell delivers a pitch during his relief appearance against Chapman. Caldwell threw 4.2 innings against the Panthers. The Kingsmen now travel to play in Arizona Desert Classic.

Linfield, another upper echelon NWC program. Among the coaching staff for the Wildcats is 1998 World Series MVP Scott Brosius. The former New York Yankee is set to take over as head coach in July.

The last game of the tournament is against Whitman, who finished 3-35 last season.

The series with Chapman

(6-0) started with a 7-1 loss at Orange and ended with two more losses in a home doubleheader.

In the series opener, the Panther's ace Devin Drag (2-0 0.62 ERA) threw eight shutout innings. The senior All-American scattered four hits, struck out 11 and didn't walk anybody.

Junior Mike Young and sophomore Justin Bogoyevac each had

two hits for the Kingsmen. Young doubled in their lone run in the ninth inning.

The game slipped away in the fourth inning when a wild pitch and infield error let four runs across the plate. The Panthers took a 5-0 lead and cruised from then on, handing the Kingsmen their first loss of the year.

"They beat you by executing;

not by the long ball, but with two-out, two-strike play," said senior Josh Gagne, who pitched 5 1/3 innings in the series, allowing two unearned runs. "They are No. 2 for a reason."

Chapman's pitching was strong again in the second game, as the Panthers allowed four hits en route to a 5-2 win. Sophomore Wayne Kitchens did not allow a hit to the Kingsmen through 6 2/3 innings.

Junior Steven Page and senior

"We just didn't play hard and didn't compete. It's hard to win when you only play six out of nine innings."

Brett Urie

D.J. Milonas had an RBI each.

The final game of the series was dominated by the Chapman offense, scoring 13 of 18 runs in the final four innings.

"We just didn't play hard and didn't compete," senior catcher Brett Urie said. "It's hard to win when you only play six out of nine innings, especially against the No. 2 team in the country."

The Kingsmen will start the Arizona Desert Classic against George Fox tomorrow at 10 a.m.

"Games like today's go by and it's over with," Gagne said. "We will bounce back."



## Softball opens up SCIAC season



By Veronica Torres  
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University softball team opens up their SCIAC season on Saturday in a double-header at Pomona-Pitzer. The Regals are coming off a two-game sweep of Hope International University.

The Regals went undefeated in the preseason, also beating the USC Club team on Feb. 3.

"[It's] awesome," All-American senior third baseman Prudence Kjontvedt said. "We have a completely different team from last year, we are more focused."

Kjontvedt and the Regals look to come back from a below .500 performance last season.

"Each day is a new adjustment, you find a new problem



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**A NEW SEASON BEGINS** — The women of the 2006-2007 Regals Softball team at Gibello Field. The Regals have eight returning players from last year's squad, including five starters in the field and two on the mound. Head coach Debby Day is entering her fifth year at the helm.

and fix it," Kjontvedt said.

Senior pitcher Danielle Everson knows that her performance on the mound needs to improve as well.

"I definitely have some stuff I

need to work on," Everson said. "As a team we came out stronger in this game and focused."

It was the pitching staff that gave the Regals the 5-3 win in the second game.

"We retained our focus, our pitching was really strong, we stayed relaxed and confident," Coach Debby Day said.

CLU now opens up its SCIAC season against Pomona-Pitzer.

The Regals swept the Sagehens last season, outscoring them 22-2 in three games.

"We have to play good, play consistently, pitch consistently," Day said.

## Regals drop four close games in a row



By Christina Paulsen  
STAFF WRITER

After four losses by a combined 12 points, including an overtime loss at Whittier, the Regals have dropped to 5-5 in conference play.

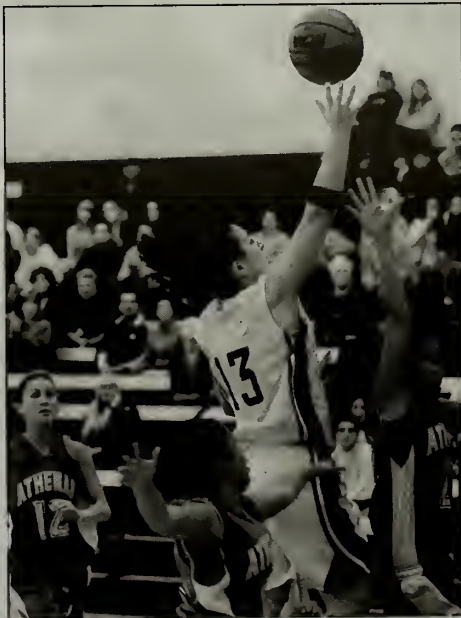
The women will look to get back on track tomorrow night when they travel to Occidental.

"I think we have played to the level of our opponent," freshman forward Emily Medders said. "We have come out slow in the beginning and don't really play our best basketball until we are close to losing the game. I hope we can start well, played solid throughout, and finish in the next couple games."

Last Thursday, the women hosted Redlands and came up short 58-53. CLU led 22-19 at half but were unable to hold on as the Bulldogs went on a 14-5 late in the second half.

"We accomplished some goals as a team, but didn't bring it all together enough to produce a win," head coach Kristi Hopkins said. "Hopefully we can play a consistent, full game and be victorious."

Junior guard Tiffany Shim got into foul trouble early on in the



Photograph by Doug Barnett

**SOARING** — Freshman guard Johanna Rothermal takes a shot against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps last week. She scored 10 points and grabbed five boards in a 72-68 loss.

game, which limited her time on the court. Shim is a huge part of the CLU scoring attack, averaging just under 10 points and four assists a game.

"I don't feel we really played together as a team. I think everyone knew what we had to do, but it didn't get executed in the game," Medders said. "For some reason I

feel everyone was uptight and there was some lack of communication."

Junior guard Mary Placido was the leading scorer with 14 points. Rachel Bates recorded a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds while Medders scored nine and grabbed eight boards.

"We have not been playing very well, unfortunately," Hopkins said. "Obviously not well enough to win. Both games we just haven't put in the total effort needed to get it done. I think the girls will agree with me on that as well. They are at a loss right now and are very disappointed in themselves as a group. We have a ton of potential but potential doesn't do it. We have to go out and Do it."

Saturday, CLU lost 67-66 at home against first place La Veme (9-1).

Before the game, Hopkins discussed the changes the Regals needed to make.

"We will maybe mix things up with the lineup a bit," Hopkins said. "This will help with those that have settled where they are and hope to spur them to play together and harder as a group."

The game was close throughout, with the Leopards holding a three point advantage at the break. Placido led the team with 18 points. Bates notched another double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds. The game came down to the final minutes, but clutch free-throw shooting from La Veme sealed the win for the Leopards.

The Regals will try to get back in the win column against Occidental, a team they beat by eight points last month.

"I plan to win out the rest of the games," Placido said, "ending the season on a positive note in hopes of building for next season."

The women are not sure what has caused the recent losing streak, but they do know it is not typical for the back-to-back SCIAC champs.

"To be honest, the coaches have prepared us and given us everything we needed to know," Medders said. "I really think that the losses were just a lack of team chemistry and communication. The game strategy was there, but the execution was lacking a little bit. We learn from every game and I am hoping to win out the season now."

Hopkins believes that the team simply needs more experience on the court. The Regals obviously miss the leadership and contribution of 2006 All-SCIAC Player of the Year Lauren Stroot and first-team All SCIAC Alex Mallen. Mallen is serving as an assistant coach this season.

"I have tried getting them to look at different team elements but that has not really helped," Hopkins said. "Motivation sayings have been brought up by everyone, and talking a lot and trying to air some things out, but I guess it hasn't worked yet. We will keep plugging away and try to find something that will help the team get back their confidence and winning ways."



## Kingsmen can secure top spot



By Erika Irizarry

STAFF WRITER

With just four games left in the SCIAAC season, the California Lutheran University men's basketball team is now alone in first place.

The Kingsmen (9-1) will travel to take on the second place Occidental Tigers (8-2) in Los Angeles tonight at 7:30.

"The rest of this season is going to be difficult, we got a difficult schedule ahead, and this thing is far, far from over," head coach Rich Rider said. "There's going to be many twists and turns until it's all said and done."

Last Wednesday, the Kingsmen pulled out a 97-90 win against Redlands. It was the second time CLU beat the Bulldogs this season, the first victory coming by a season-high 44 points. However, the team knows that the season is still up in the air and there is much more to improve on.

"We definitely need improvement on our turnovers and some simple basketball decisions such as when to bring the ball on and when to attack," senior guard Brandon Bush said. "We will look at film and watch our previous games and make adjustments. Coach Rider is going to make us as prepared as possible and we will play hard."

Bush scored a season-high 28 points and grabbed six boards while junior forward Andrew Meier added 29 points and 11 rebounds.

"We knew we had to play hard," Meier said. "Come out and shoot three-pointers, run the court and play defense. We had a game plan."

While the Kingsmen put up 97 points, it was the other aspects of the game that they were impressed with.

"We played good defense," said sophomore center Danny Hagen. "We really rebounded well and played hard. We just have to keep on winning."

"We started playing like we are capable of playing in the second half," Rider said, "our intensity level jumped up, we knocked down some critical free throws at just the right time and we survived."

"You have to get a couple of stops and score and that's what we did at the end of the game and that's how you survive these games right now."

Junior guard Chad Acerboni



Photograph by Doug Barnett

**HOME STRETCH** — Senior guard Brandon Bush takes a shot in a 97-90 win over Redlands. Kingsmen have four games remaining on their schedule and hold a slim lead over Occidental for the top spot in SCIAAC. CLU travels to play the Tigers tonight at 7:30.

tallied 20 points, six steals and five assists.

"We approached this game the same way we did the last time we played them, with hustle, lay-ups, and scoring," Acerboni said. "We just need to not lose the rest of the season and show hard work."

On Saturday, the Kingsmen took sole possession of first place with a pressure packed 56-53 win over La Verne (3-7).

Acerboni sank two free throws to give CLU a three-point lead with eight seconds remaining. La Verne had an opportunity to tie but the Leopards Jamel Brown

missed the three-point attempt at the buzzer.

"I have to give credit to the players, they worked hard over the summer and they really worked hard to get to this spot," Rider said. "At the same time it's a temporary situation and we are going to have to work hard to maintain it."

"We played better in the second half," Rider said. "We got our intensity level back up, we were definitely flat when we came out at the same time I have to give credit to La Verne, they played a heck of a game and we were very, very fortunate that we pulled one

out here."

In tonight's game, CLU looks to avenge its only SCIAAC loss this season when they fell 68-56 on Jan 20. The Tigers are coming off a 76-59 win against Pomona-Pitzer and they have won 13 out of their last 15 games.

"We have to play a lot better, because Occidental is still one of the better teams around and one of the best teams in the whole region," Rider said. "We are going to have to bring our 'A' game and compete very, very well. It's going to be a nice challenge."

### SCIAAC Standings

(Updated on Feb. 12)



Basketball	
Cal Lutheran	9-1
Occidental	8-2
Redlands	7-3
Pomona-Pitzer	6-4
CMS	4-6
LaVerne	3-7
Whittier	3-7
Caltech	0-10



Basketball	
LaVerne	9-1
CMS	7-3
Redlands	6-4
Occidental	6-4
Cal Lutheran	5-5
Whittier	3-7
Pomona-Pitzer	2-8
Caltech	2-8



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## Chinese New Year celebrated

By Clair Tenney

STAFF WRITER

Chinese New Year was celebrated by California Lutheran University's students Thursday in the SUB with food, dancing, singing and history of the holiday.

The Multicultural Club hosted the event with Coordinator for Multicultural and International Programs Amber Scott, identifying CLU faculty members Dr. Chang-Shyh Peng and Dr. Debbie Chang as playing a key role in the planning process because of their knowledge about the Chinese New Year.

Raquel Heyman, a senior at Oak Park High School, and a Chinese student of Changs school, served as the master of ceremony.

"I personally love the Chinese New Year because it gives you an opportunity to spend time with your family and friends and realize what is really important during a very hectic time of year," Heyman said.

The Thousand Oaks/Oak Park Tai Chi Club performed three times during the event. They demonstrated fan tai chi and knife tai chi, and invited students and visitors to participate in a song movement, as well as demonstrating tai chi fighting movements with CLU student, Victor Jones.

A group of young dancers performed to the song "Express Yourself" and received adoration from the crowd. Another team of men and women dressed



Photograph by Karl Uthus

Many different performers showcased the Chinese arts.

in traditional garments from the Taiwan mountain region performed a tribal dance to a song entitled "La-Ra-Wa" which translates into "How Are You?"

CLU's own ATA Taekwondo club, finished the event with three members breaking boards for 60 seconds each. Before the event, the members collected donations from friends, family and local residents, as a challenge to how many boards they could break in a 60-second period to benefit national autism research.

Visitors also had the opportunity to have their names written in Chinese, learn Chinese New Year symbols and the lunar calendar and buy door hangings and watercolors.

Both Chang and Heyman taught students and visitors about the history of the Chinese New Year and shared their favorite things about the holiday. Chang even taught attendants how to say, "good morning," "good afternoon," and "Happy New Year" in Chinese.

"I think if you learn some Chinese it will open some doors for you in the future," Chang said. "One out of five people in the world are Chinese."

Common New Year practices include lantern festivals, red envelopes, New Year markets, fireworks and traditional clothing.

"Being with people who are special to you are great," she said,

"but I think anyone's favorite part of the Chinese New Year is all of the money you get!" senior, Eiei Latt said.

The holiday has become more popular to celebrate in other countries and even here in the United States because of the large Chinese population. In some countries and territories where sizeable Chinese populations reside the Chinese New Year has turned into a public holiday.

The Thousand Oaks Tai Chi club practices in Oak Park Saturdays at 7:30 a.m., and the CLU Ata Taekwondo club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in Nygreen 1. Both groups invite anyone who is interested to come and participate.

## Presidential inauguration this week

By Sabrina Fraillich

STAFF WRITER

Several events are planned this week as part of welcoming the sixth president of California Lutheran University, Dr. John R. Sladek.

Students, faculty, staff and the community are encouraged to take part in all of the week's events.

Sladek was chosen by the university's Board of Regents to become the new president in June 2006.

"We are looking forward to the events leading up to the inauguration and having the CLU community come together to officially welcome Dr. Sladek," said Jannette Jauregui, media relations coordinator.

Co-chair of the inauguration Della Greenlee is very excited about the opportunity to be a part

of the events.

"I hope it is causing the entire community, campus and otherwise, to realize that CLU is entering a new era in its history," Greenlee said. "The steering committee and the subcommittees have worked very hard to make this an outstanding and dignified inauguration that will go down in our history book as a transformational event."

Dr. Sladek has chosen "Dreaming on Things to Come," words from William Shakespeare, as the theme for the inauguration week.

"I think that the prime impact of the inauguration is that it is an important formal symbolic event signaling an important leadership transition at the university," said Michael Arndt, another co-chair of the inauguration.

"I and the other wonderful members of the Inauguration

committees have worked an enormous number of hours to make the event a success. With the support of President Sladek, we are hoping to make all of the events of the week a wonderful celebration of the university."

Some of the events throughout the week include supporting Habitat for Humanity, the National Parks Service and several other nonprofit organizations.

The last inauguration at CLU took place 14 years ago, so being a part of the events is rare.

There will be several symposium speakers throughout the week, Greenlee said.

"Also, I wouldn't miss the Thursday night "Celebration of the Arts," she said. "The talent on that program really sounds exciting."

Sladek has many goals set for CLU. One of the goals is to raise CLU's spot on national rankings.

There will be more master's degree and doctoral programs with the intent to expand the sciences and art.

"I expect President Sladek to lead CLU in an exciting new direction, and we're all eager to learn what that will be," Greenlee said.

The installation ceremony will begin Friday with a luncheon held in the courtyard of the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center at 11:30 a.m.

The inaugural ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the Gilbert Arena. Everyone is encouraged to attend the ceremony.

"Friday will be a truly memorable day," Greenlee said.

For more information and a list of the week's events, please visit [www.callutheran.edu/president/inauguration.php](http://www.callutheran.edu/president/inauguration.php) or call (805) 493-3151.



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Events			
WEDNESDAY February 21	THURSDAY February 22	FRIDAY February 23	SATURDAY February 24
<p>Inaugural Celebration continues... <i>Enlivening the Spirit</i> Samuelson Chapel • Ash Wednesday Service, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Senior Salute Day SUB, 9a.m. - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Welcome to Fatherhood series CLU counseling center, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</i> Kickboxing, 5 p.m. Martial Arts/Self Defense, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Inaugural Celebration continues... <i>Enlightening the Mind Symposiums</i> Preus-Brandt Forum • Faith &amp; Reason, 10:30 a.m. • Entrepreneurship, 1 p.m. • Neuroscience, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>The NEED: Bred in Captivity SUB, 10 p.m.</p> <p><i>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</i> Yoga, 5 p.m. Kickboxing, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Inaugural Installation <i>Envisioning the University</i> Gilbert Arena • Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. • Installation, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Baseball vs. Pomona-Pitzer Ullman Stadium, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Club LU: Ice Skating Look for the event board, 9 p.m.</p> <p><i>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</i> Yoga, 5 p.m. Pilates, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Women's Tennis vs. Pomona-Pitzer The Courts, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Softball vs. Redlands (2) Ullman Stadium, 12 p.m.</p> <p>Senior Disorientation Westlake Village Inn, 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>GOLD NIGHT graduate gathering Cisco's Mexican Restaurant, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Ensemble Bella Musica Samuelson Chapel, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>League Sports: 8 on 8 Outdoor Soccer West Field, 11a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
SUNDAY February 25	MONDAY February 26	TUESDAY February 27	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
<p>Lord of Life Worship Service Samuelson Chapel, 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>CLU Conservatory Cellists Samuelson Chapel, 2 p.m.</p> <p>League Sports: Women's Powder Puff Football Mt. Clef Stadium, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Men's Flag Football Soiland Center, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.</p>	<p>Faculty Panel: Religion &amp; Spirituality Samuelson Chapel, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Equality: Secret of Lasting Love CLU Counseling Center, 5 p.m.</p> <p><i>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</i> Tae Bo, 5 p.m. Self Defense, 6 p.m. Cardio Hip Hop, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>LAST DAY TO VIEW Art Exhibit's "Self Image" &amp; "Burns' Brain"</p> <p>La Louisiane; Carrefour de Cultures Ahmanson Lobby, 10 a.m.</p> <p><i>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</i> Yoga, 5 p.m. Pilates, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>GET READY FOR THE "Pajama Jam" at Borderline &amp; Don't miss the University Symphony...</p>

## American Heart Month

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**John R. Sladek, Ph.D.**  
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Inauguration Week Events

**ENGAGING THE WORLD**  
Tuesday, February 20, 2007  
Student Designed Community  
Service Projects  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Ahmanson Science Center Lobby

**ENLIVENING THE SPIRIT**  
Wednesday, February 21, 2007  
Ash Wednesday Chapel Service  
10:00 am  
Samuelson Chapel

**ENLIGHTENING THE MIND**  
Thursday, February 22, 2007  
Faith and Reason Symposium  
10:30 am  
Preus-Brandt Forum

Entrepreneurship in the Arts Symposium  
1:00 pm  
Preus-Brandt Forum

Advances in Neuroscience Symposium  
2:30 pm  
Preus-Brandt Forum

A Celebration of the Arts  
8:00 pm  
Samuelson Chapel

For more information, visit the website at [www.clulutheran.edu/inauguration](http://www.clulutheran.edu/inauguration)

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## Library has a valuable collection

By Christina Duggan

STAFF WRITER

One of the nation's largest collections of McCall's magazines is on display at the Pearson Library at California Lutheran University.

CLU received the donation of a collection of magazines through the son of Otis Lee Wiese, former editor of McCall's.

At 22 years old, Wiese served as editor of the publication, and then published until his resignation in 1958.

Dr. Jeff Wiese, son of Otis Wiese and an Oxnard resident, is a friend of Dr. Luther Luedtke, former CLU president, which initiated the donation.

"It gives us a snapshot into what life was like between 1924 and 1958," said Dr. Michaela Reaves, associate professor

of history. "They are a great a resource for examining the roles of women."

American author F. Scott Fitzgerald and former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt are two of the past contributors to the magazine.

The monthly women's magazine McCall's covered topics of health, fashion and fiction from 1897 to 2001.

The magazine consists of dramatic short stories and articles about political figures including first ladies and their recipes.

Originally named The Queen in 1880, the magazine turned into McCall's in 1897 and finally to Rosie, named for talk show host Rosie O'Donnell.

Shortly after, O'Donnell ended publication in 2001.

CLU alumnus Dane Rowley the assistant director of admis-

sion and coordinator of international admission, applied the magazines to his capstone project in 2004.

Rowley used the magazines as resources of U.S. cultural history, for knowledge of sociology, politics and literature of the first half of 20th century America.

"I loved every minute of it," Rowley said. "History became alive and I gained valuable insights."

The donation sparked new lessons for students in the history department of CLU. Reaves plans on utilizing the magazines in her History 328 Cold War America: Presidents and Policies course this semester.

Students will propose a thesis and use the magazines as a primary source to prove or refute their thesis.

"This year, the best papers

will be added to the Web site constructed two years ago at [www.clunet.edu/hmc](http://www.clunet.edu/hmc)," Reaves said.

"It gives us a snapshot into what life was like between 1924 and 1958."

Michaela Reaves

Local teachers in their classrooms can access the site, which was a collaboration between

history students Brenna Sandeen and Rowley and multimedia students Ben Campanaro and Laura Kasten in 2005.

The collection, second in size to only the Library of Congress, covers more than 30 years of recipes, literary fiction, cartoons, dress patterns and thoughts of the American public.

"There is so much to learn from this material," Rowley said. "It is visually stimulating and insightful."

Students can use the issues of the magazine during library hours. The magazines are located in the periodical section.

More information about the donation can be found by calling the circulation desk of the Pearson Library at (805) 493 3937.

## Fatherhood group to give new perspective

By Kristina Victoria

STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University's Counseling Services is teaming up with Conejo Valley Neighborhood for Learning to present "Welcome to Fatherhood" in what organizers hope to be a lasting friendship and collaboration.

"Welcome to Fatherhood" is a four-week discussion group that explores fatherhood for first-time fathers. It begins on Feb. 21 and ends March 14.

All sessions begin at 6 p.m. and will be in the family conference room in California Lutheran University's Counseling Services building.

If this first session is successful, the team hopes to have a second four-week session in July to be held at the Crowley House of First 5.

"The group is a place where new fathers can meet and discuss their thoughts and feelings about

their role as a father, a husband and a male," said Dr. Christopher Christian, CLU counselor.

"We encourage the fathers to discuss how they arrive at a unique parenting philosophy that allows them to feel like they are true to themselves and true to the relationship they have with their child."

Dr. Christopher Christian

"Welcome to Fatherhood" is going to be lead by Christian. He, along with Brenda Hunter of First 5 and Conejo Valley Neighborhood for Learning, are planning this workshop because of the modern perspective on fatherhood.

"The old school 'when they

can walk and talk and play baseball, then I'll get involved' is long gone," Hunter said. "Fathers are getting involved far earlier now."

Fathers are encouraged to bring along their babies, making the discussion group an activity for father and child.

"The child is the reason why they're fathers," Christian said.

The room will be equipped with blankets, pillows and large floor pillows so all that come will be in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

With this set-up, even if fathers work all day they still get an hour or so to be the primary caregiver for the child making the necessary attachment bonds that strengthen childhood development.

"Science is now validating what we knew intuitively, mothers and those who work in child development understand the importance of the first five years," Hunter said.

CLU Counseling Services and

CVNFL are excited to be working together and starting this new group in the community.

Mothers groups are often thought of for parent and child making the "Welcome to Fatherhood" workshop a relatively new idea.

"It allows dads to be dealt with on a separate opportunity and allows them to discuss their feelings and insecurities as a dad they may not want to admit to their wives," Hunter said.

Some discussion topics for "Welcome to Fatherhood" include thinking back to your own childhood, the wonders of parenthood

and looking at the importance of attachment.

"We encourage the fathers to discuss how they arrive at a unique parenting philosophy," Christian said, "that allows them to feel like they are true to themselves and true to the relationship they have with their child."

The sessions are designed to be introspective, supportive and make fathers aware of the impact they have on their child's development.

"Yes, we're born with genetic make up," Hunter said, "but our environment shapes us and changes brain development."

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## English professor forms new book club

By Ariel Collins  
STAFF WRITER

Professors at California Lutheran University reach out to the students, alumni and the CLU community through "Books and Brew." The program brings the university together through an intellectual discussion, stimulated by faculty's review of best-selling books that they have chosen themselves.

With its catchy name, "brew," is not to be confused with anything other than coffee. It is a program that has recently been started by Dr. Jim Bond, an English professor at CLU.

Each meeting, a designated CLU professor discusses and reviews a specific book that they have chosen. The only requirement is that the book they select must have been listed as a top-seller within the last 10 years.

"Books and Brew" helps people who are interested in reading find out about books they would not necessarily pick up and read but that are popular enough to make the best-seller list," Bond said.

The program is not to be termed as a "book club." Those who attend are not required to read the book chosen for that week. Dr. Michaela Reaves, a history professor at CLU, described "Books and Brew" as a program that is used to promote the readings for "future shopping." The selected reading



Photograph by Ryan Littleman

Dr. Michaela Reaves speaking at California Lutheran University's "Books and Brew."

is promoted and then a discussion, led by the scheduled professor, follows.

Everyone affiliated with CLU in some way is welcome. Their hope is to attract students, alumni, retired professors and university neighbors to the program.

All members of the CLU community will be able to

expand their minds and learn something that they have not been able to learn since they were in college.

For recent students, "Books and Brew" gives them a chance to read something other than the assigned reading given to them in their classes.

Everyone is welcome to

attend whether a student wants to bring a roommate, or a retired professor invites a neighbor along.

Members of the CLU community came to listen to Reaves discuss her selected reading, "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks.

Having familiar CLU professors lead the discussion is used to attract members each session. It gives students and university members an incentive to go and hear an admired professor's discussion.

"We had heard Dr. Reaves speak before and we sat in on her course about women in history, so we counted on a dynamic presentation," said Richard Londgren, Director of the Scandinavian Center at Cal Lutheran, regarding his and his wife's attendance.

Many people who attend are able to join in the discussion by asking questions and discussing similar topics that are related to the book.

"The demographic is not the traditional student," Reaves said. "Having an older demographic is interesting because more personal stories are brought up in the discussion."

The heart of "Books and Brew" is to reach out to the community and intellectually engage these listeners.

"Intellectual discussion helps community members connect with ideas beyond their normal

lives," Bond said. "For graduates, it took them back to their college days. For others, they learn something that they are not able to get from the TV."

Bond's goal is to double attendance for the next meeting, reaching 40 occupants. In order

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Richard Londgren

to do so, more publicity is to be expected and previous attendees are encouraged to bring others along next time, he said.

"My wife Anita and I intend to be back for more "Books & Brew," and we will spread the word to others. With its variety of lectures, music, worship and sports-and now the book group-Cal Lutheran has enriched our lives here," Londgren said.

"Books and Brew" holds its meetings on selected Thursdays, from 4-5 p.m. in the Nelson Room.

## See inside Burns' brain in Overton Hall



By Amy Vogt  
STAFF WRITER

Art professor Barry Burns' exhibit "Burns' Brain" is on display in Overton Hall until Feb. 27. Burns has been teaching at California Lutheran University for the past 10 years and he has illustrated eight medical books on neuroscience, including "The

Human Brain" by Jackson Beatty of UCLA.

The show "Burns' Brain" includes 20 original pieces that cleverly combine Burns' medical illustrations with personal images.

"It's a 'brain show,' but I put my heart into it," he said.

The artwork's composition gives the viewer an intimate



Photograph courtesy of Barry Burns

glimpse into Burns' life.

All of the art exhibited started with a medical illustration.

"The medical side of the art gave me a greater appreciation for detail," Burns said.

He used Photoshop to compose all of the pieces. Photoshop is usually used to alter photographs or images, but 99 percent of Burns' artwork is hand-drawn.

"The computer is a tool," said Michael Pierce, art professor and curator to the Kwan Fong Gallery. "Painters have been using tools such as lenses and mirrors since the 17th century.

The computer won't make you a better artist but it will allow you to do things much faster."

Burns said that creating art on Photoshop is like cooking: "composing the piece only took an hour or so, but gathering all of the little components took hundreds of hours."

While it only took a few weeks to put the show together, Burns has been creating the images he used over a period of the last five years.

Burns not only drew inspiration from his life but also from the university. In fact, there are

faculty members and familiar faces within the artwork. Burns thinks of the show as a scrap-book.

"It's a gift back to the university, a love note," he said.

The art is being exhibited in Overton Hall, which is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. "Burns' Brain" is the first collection of artwork to be displayed in Overton.

"It's a great facility for hanging art," Burns said.

Overton is in a very central location and is adjacent to the Kwan Fong Gallery. Pierce hopes to have more shows there in the future.

"There couldn't be a better gallery," he said.

This exhibit is part of an ongoing series showcasing CLU's Art Department faculty. Art professors, such as Larkin Higgins, have recently had conceptual art shows in the Kwan Fong Gallery.

"We have a position as a university to show art that is going deeper than decoration and that is a bit more challenging," Pierce said.



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## Alumnus is familiar face

By Stelanie Lucas

STAFF WRITER

Every prospective undergraduate California Lutheran University student has received the standard admissions materials with a male on the cover wearing a khaki hat. However, upon coming to CLU, students find that they do not see the friendly face walking around campus.

The CLU admissions office did not hire a group of models to pose for the view book. The face on the cover is actually a former CLU student.

The mystery man under the khaki hat is Taylor Slimak, a 2003 graduate who lived in Mt. Clef as a freshman, and is proud to be a Kingsmen.

"CLU was a ton of fun, and the greatest experience," he said.

An unsuspecting Slimak, who is originally from Moorpark, went to the admissions office his junior or senior year, he can't quite remember, to take pictures for the view book, but little did he know that he would soon become the face of CLU.

"I can't believe they are still using those pictures," he said. "That's pretty funny."

The hat that he wore never actually belonged to Slimak. It was merely a prop for the photo shoot.

"I have good memories and good friends from playing baseball."

*Taylor Slimak*



Photograph courtesy of [www.clunet.edu](http://www.clunet.edu)

2003 graduate Taylor Slimak is known for this picture of him on California Lutheran University's admissions material.

Robert Meadows and Herbert Gooch as great professors, and he continues to keep in contact with them, running into them every now and then, he said.

Slimak was a standout baseball player at CLU, playing all four years.

"I have good memories and good friends from playing baseball," he said.

He wants students to take the time to realize how great they have it at CLU and not take this time for granted.

"[As undergraduates] we can't wait to grow up and be done with school, and then before you know it you have to pay bills and have job responsibilities," Slimak said. "Enjoy your time at CLU, and take it for all it offers."

After graduating from CLU, he was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers. He played with them for two seasons, but an

unfortunate injury kept him from continuing.

"I realized how much I missed playing college baseball, Slimak said. "College sports are superior to professional, because everyone is playing because they love the game and are ultimately trying to reach the goal of winning a title."

In his free time, which isn't often, he enjoys going off-roading, dirt biking, camping and anything else that involves the outdoors. He is now looking towards the future.

"Right now I'm just starting to settle down, and figure out what I want to do next," Slimak said. "Everything seems to have been going in warp speed."

He resides in the Santa Clarita Valley, is in law enforcement and is getting his master's degree in public policy and administration at CLU.

## Campus Quotes

### Which celebrity do you think you resemble the most?



Ryann Carroli, 2010

"When I have my hair down and big sunglasses on, I've been mistaken for Lindsey Lohan."

Brittney Kennet, 2009

"Jennifer Love Hewitt because she's bubbly and brunette...she believes in ghosts and so do I."



Erin and Jessica Schroeder, 2009

"Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen because we're twins."



Rosalyn Sayer, 2007

"Snow White. My personality resembles her. When I wear my tiara I really look like her."



Trevor Thompson, 2009

"I've been told I look like Colin Farrell but I don't think so."



Sean McDermott, 2007

"Robin Williams, probably because I'm ridiculous."



Campus Quotes compiled by Ariel Collins and Doug Barnett

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# THE ECHO —Opinion—

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## Treaty prohibits nuclear weapons in Iran



By Emily Melander

COLUMNIST

Last week, 27 European Union nations announced that they will impose a ban on selling nuclear-related materials and technology to Iran, and additionally will put a freeze on the assets of 10 Iranian organizations and 12 individual people. This restriction comes after the

confirmation by international inspectors that Iran is proceeding to equip its uranium enrichment plant at Natanz, and Iran's capital city, Tehran's, refusal to suspend uranium enrichment.

Every motion that Iran makes towards building a nuclear bomb defies a United Nations resolution that was passed in December that ordered Iran to suspend all uranium enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, in accordance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, also called the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is an international treaty that was opened for signatures in 1968.

The objective of the treaty was to limit the spread of nuclear weapons throughout the world. There are currently 188 sovereign states that are party to the treaty. There are, however, conscious objectors to the treaty. Two out

of eight confirmed nuclear powers, countries that have openly tested nuclear weapons, including India and Pakistan, and one unconfirmed nuclear power, Israel, neither signed nor ratified the treaty.

Now back to the issue at hand. Iran signed the NPT, and has not technically violated its terms by resuming the development of their uranium enrichment program. Uranium enrichment is allowable under the NPT, as it is a step towards a civilian nuclear energy program.

The debate enters when the European Union accused Iran of using their energy program to help develop nuclear weapons, which would be in violation of the NPT.

The concern held by the EU is that a nuclear-armed Iranian state could lead to the destruction of the state of Israel. This comes in light of recent controversial remarks made by Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in

“Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.”

— Albert Szent-Gyorgyi (1893-1986)

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which he called for Israel to be “wiped off the map” and described the Holocaust as a “myth.” All of this, and Ahmadinejad maintains that he respects Jews and is not anti-Semitic.

This all sounds well and good, until we get to the exceptions. According to the NPT, five states are permitted to own nuclear weapons. These countries are: France, the People's Republic of China, Russia, the United Kingdom and, of course, the United States.

These states have agreed not to transfer nuclear weapons, other explosive devices or technology to other states, and have made undertakings to abstain from using their nuclear weapons against a non-nuclear state, except as a response to a nuclear attack. These undertakings, however, are not formally written into the treaty, and have varied over time, as the international political arena has changed.

It seems awfully inconsistent

to allow nuclear weapons, and the use of those weapons to the five power nations of the world, and to mandate the absence of weapons for the rest of the world.

Who is America to decide which nations are allowed power? We are all players in the game of worldwide warfare, or in this case peace, and it is therefore inappropriate to let players mandate restrictions onto other players.

Technically, I find it “unfair,” to look at this issue in uber-juvenile terms, that power-nations are allowed to maintain and produce nuclear weapons, while restricting those of other smaller nations. However, the practical side of my brain is screaming loud exclamations of protection and prevention.

In all honesty, it makes a lot of sense to keep weapons that are capable of immediate and absolute decimation out of the hands of volatile nations such as Iran.

## Faculty, academics are heart of university

By Alex Candia

COLUMNIST

The richest part of California Lutheran University is the immense wealth of knowledge and experience of the faculty. I think since the university is making such an extensive effort to show the public how well invested this school is by adding new sports facilities and a week-long inauguration for our sixth president, we should also reflect upon the real reasons this school is as strong as it is.

Our faculty is dedicated to assisting the student body in getting the best education possible. This is not limited to only

academic education, but life education as well. I cannot count the number of times that I have been helped outside of class for subjects that I needed guidance for or clarification. That is the advantage of going to a small private liberal arts college. In a larger university, students are just numbers or statistics. Here, there are moments after class where you have the ability to speak with your professor and get the help you need. If they do not have the answer to a question, they will show you in the direction to find one, and, in most cases, have a genuine concern for student progress and would also like to

know the result of the inquiry.

Take a minute to get to know a professor sometime. If they are not busy, they could tell you all about their experiences. These experiences can help you figure out what is right for you, or at least provide you with options.

I have had the exquisite pleasure of being able to take classes in a variety of different departments. I have heard some of the most interesting stories about how professors have obtained the positions they have now. I did this by talking with professors outside of class, or asking in class if there is a free moment. Dr. Jarvis Streeter told a few other students and myself about his journeys through life, spanning from his time at USC, including a description of his surfboard, to his experiences from when he lived in Africa and

his struggle to return. As a result, I learned to ask other professors about the paths that lead them to CLU and I received very interesting responses throughout the years. Their responses give hope to a student like myself who will be graduating in May but has no clue about what to do after college.

As a part of the Core-21 curriculum students must take English 111, Critical Reading and Writing. The first time I heard I was taking a class with the word “critical” in it, I was concerned because the only time I heard that word used was in medical terms and I was clearly undecided, not pre-med. I was quick to learn that “critical” applies itself to more than just hospitals. More than anything else in college, I have learned critical thinking. These skills will most likely shape my

future. The people who have taught me this deserve to have the best facilities, and while I enjoy the novelty and history of the “chicken coops,” I think we should consider putting some more money into the academic component of our university before building another sports facility.

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## CLU strong at SCIAC Championships



By Kevin Baxter  
STAFF WRITER

On day one of the SCIAC swimming and diving championships California Lutheran University's Merle Vermillion won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.26 to claim the conference championship.

The junior set a team record earlier in the day with a preliminary time of 24.22 in the 50-yard freestyle and then later swam her way to the title of conference champion in the event.

Fellow junior Kelsey Myers finished in fifth place in the same 50-yard freestyle final with a time of 24.81. With her initial time of 24.22, Vermillion qualified for the NCAA B-cut, making her eligible for the NCAA Championships in

Houston.

"The 50 free has always been my favorite event and my goal for this year was to get a NCAA B-cut for nationals," Vermillion said. "It just so happened that I got to walk away with the win as well as the cut. I just focused on what I needed to do to get where I wanted."

After the third and final day of the championships the Regals earned a third place finish with 435 points. The Kingsmen finished in sixth place with 258 points. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps was the conference champion for the women and Redlands won the SCIAC crown on the men's side.

"I think we did reach our goals and beyond what we expected because on the men's side of SCIAC it is really competitive," freshman Logan Rivenes said. "We just don't have as much numbers as the other teams and we are really making due with what we have."

Senior Jennifer Danielson took second place in the wom-

en's 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:16.45, and was joined in that final race by junior April Coyle who finished in fifth

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*Christa Ratcliff*

place with a time of 5:22.94.

The men's team found success in the relays as it broke two school records in the 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard medley relays. The four-man teams completed the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:29.83 and earned a fourth place finish with their time of 3:45.50 in

the 400-yard medley relay.

Logan Rivenes also set a school record in the 500-yard freestyle in the preliminaries with a time of 4:59.81, but was unable to repeat the performance in the finals and finished in 16<sup>th</sup> place.

Sophomore Jill Minehan finished the 100-yard butterfly in 59.59 to earn herself a spot in third place on day two of the championships. Junior Christa Ratcliff came away with a third place in the 400-yard IM as she finished behind two Claremont-Mudd-Scripps swimmers and in the process qualified herself for nationals by earning an NCAA B-cut. Vermillion took home third in the 100-yard breaststroke finishing in 1:09.11 and the women capped off day two with a third place finish in the 800-yard freestyle relay.

"We had an awesome meet," Vermillion said, "but the most significant part was the fact that we had the smallest team with only 12 girls and we were able to walk away with third place against teams twice our size."



On the third day of the event, freshman Kelley Fry swam her way to a second place finish in the 200-yard backstroke and Vermillion added to her impressive showing with third place in the 100-yard freestyle.

After a third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly on day two, Minehan came through with second place in the 200-yard butterfly and Ratcliff finished in third place in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

"Our coaches kept telling us all season that we were really going to surprise some people at SCIAC," Ratcliff said. "I think that some people really didn't know what was coming. It's very exciting to be a part of this team."

## Kingsmen bats come alive in Arizona desert



By Cory Schuett  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen were looking to rebound from a dismal series against Chapman last week, and after finishing 3-1 in the Arizona Desert Classic, they look to carry their momentum into a series with Pomona-Pitzer.

Starting on Friday, CLU takes on the Sagehens (5-1) in the first SCIAC match-up of the season. The series begins at home on Friday and closes with a double-header in Claremont on Saturday.

"Our bats came alive [in Arizona]. I think we had nine home runs in just four games and scored almost 40 runs," senior catcher Brett Urie said. "Our starting pitching is ready to dominate and the offense is ready to come out swinging [against Pomona]."

Pomona-Pitzer finished 15-23 (8-10) last season, including a 2-1 record against CLU. The Sagehens are coming off sweeps

against La Sierra and Willamette. They outscored La Sierra 39-6 in two games.

Leading the Sagehens in hitting this year is center fielder Zachary Mandelblatt. Through six games, Mandelblatt has 15 hits, two home runs and a .600 batting average.

The Arizona Desert Classic is a four-day, four-game tournament featuring four SCIAC teams and four teams from the Northwest Conference.

To open the tournament, the Kingsmen (5-4) fell to George Fox 6-3. The Bruins scored two runs in the first, fourth and seventh innings. Senior first baseman Dan Wentzell did the most damage, going 3 for 4 with a double and three RBI.

"Our pitching was great, and our defense played a lot better this week. We made nowhere near as many errors," sophomore pitcher Pete Schmitt said, comparing the team's play in the tournament to the series against Chapman last week. "It was more of a team thing."

Leading the way offensively for the Kingsmen was sophomore infielder David Iden, who was 3 for 4, scoring one run. Senior center fielder Lee Ellis hit two doubles.

Senior left-hander Josh Gagne, (1-1) pitched 6 2/3 innings, striking out seven. He gave up four runs and was credited with his first loss of the season.

George Fox finished 4-0 in the tournament.

The Kingsmen ended their three-game losing streak with a 7-1 victory over Pacific Lutheran on Friday.

CLU scored five unearned runs in the first inning. Junior catcher Mike Young hit his first of two home runs in the game to cap off the inning. Young was 2 for 4 with three RBI.

Junior Danny Caldwell pitched six strong innings, giving up one run and four hits, striking out six. Junior Mike Roe threw three perfect innings in relief.

Against Linfield on Saturday, junior Trevor Davidson, sophomore Justin Bogoyevac, senior DJ Milonas and Lee Ellis hit their first homeruns of the season. They defeated the Wildcats 16-9.

The tournament concluded with a 14-11 victory over Whitman.

Pomona-Pitzer comes to Thousand Oaks to start the first SCIAC series tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. On Saturday, the series moves to Claremont for a double-header starting at 11 a.m.

## SCIAC Standings

(Updated on Feb. 19)



Basketball		Basketball	
Occidental	10-2	LaVene	10-2
Cal Lutheran	9-3	Occidental	8-4
Redlands	8-4	CMS	8-4
Pomona-Pitzer	8-4	Cal Lutheran	8-6
CMS	6-6	Redlands	7-6
LaVene	4-8	Whittier	5-7
Whittier	3-9	Pomona-Pitzer	2-10
Caltech	0-12	Caltech	2-10

Baseball		Softball	
Occidental	3-0	Cal Lutheran	2-0
Cal Lutheran	0-0	Whittier	2-0
Redlands	0-0	Redlands	1-1
Pomona-Pitzer	0-0	LaVene	1-1
CMS	0-0	CMS	0-0
LaVene	0-0	Pomona-Pitzer	0-2
Whittier	0-0	Occidental	0-2
Caltech	0-3		

Swimming & Diving		Swimming & Diving	
Redlands	7-0	CMS	7-0
CMS	6-1	Redlands	6-1
Occidental	5-2	Cal Lutheran	4-3
Cal Lutheran	3-4	Pomona-Pitzer	4-3
Pomona-Pitzer	3-4	Occidental	3-4
LaVene	3-4	LaVene	2-5
Whittier	1-6	Whittier	1-6
Caltech	0-7	Caltech	0-7

Tennis		Tennis	
CMS	3-0	CMS	3-0
Redlands	3-0	Pomona-Pitzer	1-1
Cal Lutheran	2-1	Redlands	1-1
Pomona-Pitzer	2-1	LaVene	1-1
Whittier	1-2	Caltech	
Occidental	1-2	Occidental	0-1-1
LaVene	0-3	Whittier	0-2
Caltech	0-3	Cal Lutheran	0-3



## Basketball title hopes running out



By Erika Irizarry

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Kingsmen will travel to play the defending SCIAAC champs, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps tomorrow, for the final game. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Last Wednesday, the Kingsmen traveled to Eagle Rock to play against the Occidental Tigers. In a battle for the first place Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference title, the Kingsmen fell short with a 41-40 loss and were then tied for first place in SCIAAC with only three games left.

"It was a great attempt," said junior forward Andrew Meier. "We played really hard. Going into the second half, our defense wasn't extremely perfect but we played really well."

During the first half of the game, the Kingsmen struggled to get their shots in from the field and missed out on nine offensive rebounds. It was in the second half when the Kingsmen really began to fire up their game and play with their best defense.

"This was a very hard fought game," head coach Rich Rider said. "Defensively, we were superb and I thought it was our best effort defensively. At the

same time I think we just missed some free throws and at the same time we turned the ball over at the wrong time. We needed to back it out and be a little bit more patient but that's part of the game of basketball, you got to live with it and when you go on the road you just have to knock down your free throws and you cannot turn the ball over."

With 1:20 remaining in the game the Kingsmen took hold of their first lead, 38-37 with a drive that was brought in by junior guard Deshion Inniss followed by his free-throw attempt leading the Kingsmen with 15 points. Thirteen seconds later, Tiger senior forward Nick Mills went it for a jumper putting Oxy in the lead 39-38 and later putting the Tigers at 41-38 from two free throw shots made by Justin Zebb of the Tigers.

"The next game becomes a must win. We just got to come out win the game and take care of business."

Zach Miller

With 26 seconds of the game left in their hands, the Kingsmen had no choice; the crowd held their breath and everyone was in silence as the final attempt to tie the game at the buzzer was shot by junior guard Chad Acerboni.

"It felt good when it left my hands," Acerboni said. "It looked



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**ON THE RUN** — Junior guard Deshion Inniss takes the ball downcourt in a recent game at the Gilbert Arena. Inniss scored 18 points in a 69-64 loss to Pomona-Pitzer.

good too."

That last second shot bounced off the backboard and left the Tigers with a victory.

"This game, we kind of gave it away," Acerboni said. "We had the opportunities, we had turnovers, but it's something

you have to learn from. We are a young team; we just got to win out."

"I think we learned a lot from Occidental," Rider said. "We learned how to take care of the basketball and how valuable it is and at the same time we com-

peted so I was very proud of our guys from that angle to compete as hard as we did so that gave us an opportunity."

On Saturday, the Kingsmen hit the road again to face the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens and again suffered a 69-64 loss.

Junior guard Deshion Inniss led the Kingsmen offense with 18 points throughout the game as well as freshman guard, Kyle Knudsen (12) and Acerboni (10). Sophomore center Zach Miller scored 10 of the first 12 CLU points and finished the game with 13 overall and was able to retrieve a lead of eight rebounds.

"This next game becomes a must win," Miller said. "We just got to come out, win the game and take care of business."

"Playing against Claremont means something," Inniss said. "Being that we could still have a chance if Oxy loses one more game, then we can play them in playoffs to go to playoffs, 'cause we will win that game."

While the Kingsmen cross their fingers in hopes that Occidental comes out with a loss, they are working to keep their standing and come out with a win during tomorrow night's game.

"Of course we will be focused on our own game," says Inniss, "but then again we will be anxiously waiting after our game to hear the outcomes of the other games in conference."

If we just play our game, Claremont shouldn't be a question about who ends up victorious on that game."

## Regals to host Bulldogs



By Veronica Torres

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University softball team (2-0) will host Redlands (1-1) in its second double-header of the short SCIAAC season on Saturday starting at 12 noon.

The Bulldogs are two-time defending SCIAAC champions and have had success against the Regals in recent years, including a season sweep last year. Last week the Bulldogs split a double-header against La Verne.

"Redlands is a well put-together team," head coach Debby Day said, "solid all the

way around. We will need to play at our best, but we have the team to do it."

The Regals meanwhile, started the season on a winning note, sweeping Pomona-Pitzer 8-1 and 7-3 in the opening series of conference play last Saturday. Senior pitcher Danielle Everson and freshman pitcher Lizzy Chacon pitched solid games.

In the first game, Chacon went the distance, recording eight strikeouts while scattering four hits. In the second game Everson allowed three runs on six hits during her complete game. In the fifth inning, Everson retired the Sagehens on just four pitches.

"Our pitchers threw strikes and got ahead of the hitters," Day said, "which is what we need in order to succeed."

The Regals also played outstanding defense, playing error-free throughout the afternoon.

Junior outfielder Shauna Cogan did her part, making several outstanding catches in left field while senior second baseman Katy Wilkins making two diving stops.

Senior first baseman Crystal Kincaid went 5-9 at the plate and scored a game-high four runs. Everson also performed at the plate, going 3-4 with an RBI.

"Everyone was getting their pitch and hitting the ball hard," Wilkins said. "We played really well."

CLU held its annual alumni game on Sunday against all those who once played at CLU. The Regals, who went undefeated in the preseason, will look to continue their success on Saturday.

"Next week against Redlands we are going to have to play the best we have played all year because they are a tough team," Wilkins said.



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**LINE DRIVE** — Senior pitcher Danielle Everson rips a line drive in during a double-header against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. The Regals swept both games 8-1 and 7-3.



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## President Sladek inaugurated

By Christina Duggan

STAFF WRITER

Dr. John R. Sladek was formally inducted Friday as California Lutheran University's sixth president at the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center while standing before a gathering of students, faculty, administrators, donors and longtime friends.

"Of the 28 colleges with the ELCA [Evangelical Lutheran Church of America] Cal Lutheran is one of the youngest, but has entered the ranks of the strongest Lutheran colleges," Dr. F. Gregory Campbell said. "I have every reason for optimism of the future."

The ceremony included three speakers and the conferring of an honorary degree alongside the rite of installation of Sladek.

A large group of students sat in the right set of bleachers.

"I wanted to be a part of the celebration and represent ASCLU," freshman Robert Duff said.

Starting with a prelude performed by the university wind ensemble, the ceremony continued with an inaugural processional of international flags and distinguished guests.

Three speakers, including alumna Stacy Swanson, the Rev. Dr. Stanley Olson and Dr. Sigmar Schwartz, professor of English, then discussed CLU's mission of engaging the world, enlivening the spirit and enlightening the mind.

"Today is an invitation to become engaged," Swanson said.

Excerpts from a commemorative poem for CLU entitled "Voices and Echoes" written by Dr. Jack Ledbetter, English professor emeritus, was then read by Dr. Jim Bland, assistant professor of English at CLU.

The words of Ledbetter praised all aspects of the world, specifically languages, which five students incorporated while reading excerpts in their native languages including Swedish, Chinese and Spanish.

The inauguration titled "Dreaming on things to come" proceeded with the conferring of an honorary degree to Campbell. Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa, was given to him for his contributions to the Lutheran community including being a board member of Thrivent Mutual Funds and United Hospital Systems and for his dedication to education.

Rite of installation concluded the event with the formal induction of the university's president.

"This is a day of pride and



Photograph by Doug Barnett

The inauguration took place Friday in the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center.

celebration for administrators, staff and students," said William J. Kane, Board of Regents chair.

Kane presented Sladek with the presidential bronze cast medallion. Each link of the chain represents the chains of office of CLU, each engraved with past presidents who served three schools of CLU.

With the medallion around his neck, Sladek was then given the ceremonial CLU Mace.

Crafted out of light oak to represent the city of Thousand Oaks, Dr. Sharon Docter, professor of communication and faculty representative of the Board of Regents, presented the president with the university's symbol for the authority invested in the president by CLU's governing body.

The president, after receiving CLU's symbols of authority, power and responsibility took center stage for his inaugural address.

"I am proud and quite honored to be your new president," Sladek said.

"Dreaming on things to come" was an idea of professor Michael Arndt chosen by Sladek to summarize his outlook for CLU.

Thanking his wife and three children for their support and love, Sladek expressed his appreciation for the quality of life CLU has to offer and his anticipation of a bright future, continued success and progression for CLU.

"I believe that CLU is a rising star," he said.

Sladek made reference to the mission of CLU's founders and how CLU will cherish the mission and will do so in the future. Recent contributions and donations have put CLU's dreams into reality Sladek said, with the \$6 million donation



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Sladek was given the ceremonial mace by Dr. Sharon Docter, professor of communication and faculty representative for the Board of Regents.

for a new music hall, and new grants and financing for a Child Development Center.

Sladek encouraged CLU to wonder together and accomplish its dreams.

He ended his inaugural address with words from his grandfather to express his positive outlook on being a part of CLU.

"We are only as good as we think we are," he said, "and we are the best."

After the president's address, former president and CEO of Bank of America was given a distinguished visionary award.

Friend of Sladek, A.W. "Tom" Clausen has been a friend of CLU since the beginning, when he granted a loan to CLU more than 40 years ago for a million dollars to assist in financial short comings.

Clausen defended the move to his authorities by arguing that CLU stood for something great to come.

It was a momentous event for CLU last week with the installation of Sladek, who was optimistic of his future at CLU.

"The best is yet to come," Sladek said.



## Students participate in service

By Nicole Nathanson

STAFF WRITER

For two hours, California Lutheran University students indulged themselves with happiness in helping others.

Two community service projects were offered this week as part of the festivities of the president's inauguration.

Students had the option of volunteering for the National Parks and Forest organization or the Ventura County Habitat for Humanity.

Those who chose to participate with Habitat for Humanity worked on houses in Oxnard, and those who volunteered with parks and forests planted 600 seedlings in Sycamore Canyon.

The particular site in Oxnard that Habitat for Humanity volunteers worked with was a neighborhood called Villa Caesar Chavez, which has a total of six plots specifically designated for farm workers and their families.

"Being out with the students, faculty and alumni was a really gratifying experience," said Pete Brown, the assistant director of admissions at CLU.

He has been to the Villa Caesar Chavez site three times and volunteered for Habitat in Biloxi along with CLU students this past January.

Participating teaches all the skills necessary to volunteer for Habitat.

No construction experience is necessary to be a part of this organization that provides struggling families with the American dream.

Families who qualify for a Habitat house have a 40-year mortgage with payments between \$500 and \$600 a month.

On average in Ventura County, 200 families undergo the rigorous selection process and only two families will qualify sometimes.

Families who qualify are required to put in a certain amount of sweat hours on their house, which range from 250-500 hours.

The number depends on the size of the household.

Navy Seals from the local Port Hueneme base instructed Habitat volunteers on how to drywall and prime boards.

Every aspect of the house building is completely volunteer driven.

"The most fulfilling thing about volunteering with parks and forest was helping to restore something that humans destroyed," sophomore Emma Kolden said.

She also attended the winter service trip to Biloxi this past



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Photograph from left to right Reshai Tate, Christy Sutphen and Christine Nguyen making quilts for a community service project.

December.

"It was also great to be outside working, and connecting with the same people you see everyday in a completely different context," Kolden said.

Christine Paul, the assistant director of residence life at CLU, was intrigued that a variety of different seedlings were planted in order to provide adequate

foods, nesting and shade for all the animals in the forest.

"I have volunteered at the Chavez plot in the past," Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty said, "and I have never volunteered with the National Parks, so I figured this would be the perfect opportunity."

The Ventura County Habitat for Humanity is having a kick-off

and wall-raising party to begin construction on the Thrivent, CLU and Women build in the Villa Caesar Chavez Plot on March 17 at 8 a.m.

There is also a Habitat for Humanity club that meets every Saturday morning and works on Habitat houses throughout the community.

## Alumni reunited Saturday night at Cisco's

By Matt Matasel

STAFF WRITER

Graduates from the past 10 years gathered Saturday evening at Cisco's Mexican restaurant to catch up on the past and enjoy free drinks.

The event was hosted by the Graduates of the Last Decade, which gathers students for different events who have graduated after 1996.

GOLD is run through Alumni Relations, which is staffed by Rachel Ronning Lindgren, Mitzi Ward and Nicole Hackbarth.

According to the GOLD Web site, since 1996 the group has given graduates the opportunity to participate in various events designed specifically for young alumni, and given them opportunities to keep in touch with California Lutheran University and to network with one another after graduation.

"Returning to CLU as an alum and professor has helped me to reconnect with the university and the students," Brad Bjelke '98 alumnus said. "I now have the opportunity to give back the many things that CLU originally taught me and be a part of CLU's

future."

GOLD also hosts events around the country where there is a high concentration of CLU alumni.

Some other locations include CROC's Mexican Bar in Denver, and an upcoming event at Cane's Bar and Grill in San Diego.

"I gained valuable hands-on professional experience that I apply on a daily basis in my work, and great contacts who are still available if I need help, guidance or advice."

Kim McHale Miller

"These events are a good chance to get to know people more, hang out, have a good time," Becky Platts Duncan, '98, said. "I have met people I did not know before the event, and I like the free drinks."

Others enjoyed the event because it gave them an oppor-

tunity to reconnect relationships with other them and to see others they have not seen in a long time.

"It is a good way to reconnect CLU with alumni," Aaron Vorhis '03 said. "When CLU gives back to the alumni, then the graduates will want to give back to the school in return."

Other alumni said GOLD is a great way to become closer with CLU.

"Cal Lutheran gave me more than a book education," Kim McHale Miller '02 said. "I gained valuable hands-on professional experience that I apply on a daily basis in my work, and great contacts who are still available if I need help, guidance or advice."

One other program that GOLD is hosting is known as the GOLD Rush.

This event encourages alumni to "take Cal Lutheran by storm" and be seen around campus.

Some of the "challenges" that GOLD is giving alumni include becoming actively involved in student life on campus, making a comfortable financial commitment to CLU that you can renew each year, posting the highest number of Class Notes in CLU

Magazine and having the largest participation in alumni events.

For more information about GOLD, see [www.callutheran.edu/alumni/gold/](http://www.callutheran.edu/alumni/gold/).

From there, visitors can access information on upcoming GOLD events, see alumni profiles, get information on newlywed alumni and those that have had new children and much more information.

Also on the Web site are links to GOLD's MySpace and Facebook profiles, which provide much of the same information, but also include pictures of past events and links to other alumni profiles.

To contact GOLD and find out more information on future events, e-mail the group at [gold@callutheran.edu](mailto:gold@callutheran.edu).

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## Ash Wednesday celebrated

By Nicole Nathanson  
STAFF WRITER

The chapel service last Wednesday was different than usual because it was Ash Wednesday.

Students, faculty, community members and alumni attended to signify the first day of Lent.

A homily was given by Dr. Samuel Thomas, religion instructor, "Service in Humility and Love."

Congregant attendants lined up to receive a mark of ash on their forehead from Pastor Scott Maxwell-Doherty and Pastor

Melissa Maxwell-Doherty.

The significance of ash on the forehead is an indication of penitence and mortality.

"Lent is the time of preparation leading up to Holy Week, Easter and the Easter season," Thomas said. "Easter itself is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ, and the message of Easter is about Christ's 'victory' over death in love—a 'mystery' in which Christians participate by way of baptism and faith."

Thomas' sermon centered on the idea of service that is not about gaining, but giving.

"What is most intriguing of

Ash Wednesday is it is not only the beginning of a season concentrated on the death of Christ," sophomore Joseph Rower said, "but also the ending of death as a whole that through his sacrifice he brought eternal life."

CLU offers an array of volunteering opportunities, such as Urban Exchange the Habitat for Humanity, a schoolwide service day every semester.

"Engaging the world outside the CLU bubble is really important in educating leaders for a global society," Melissa Maxwell-Doherty said.

As one of many events this

week for the president's inauguration, two community service projects were offered to students.

Students had the option of building homes in Oxnard with the Ventura County Habitat for Humanity or planting seedlings with the National Parks and Forest in Sycamore Canyon.

"Service and solidarity remain abstract until we embody them," Thomas said. "We have a tendency to domesticate our own discourses so that 'service and solidarity,' though they sound like great things in mission statements, remain at the level of abstract."

Thomas also spoke about the fact that as university students we become so involved with our immediate surroundings we do not realize that the world is somewhere "out there," rather than right here and now.

Simply just talking about service and solidarity is merely not enough, rather we need to embrace it and do something about it.

When asked the meaning of Easter, Rower responded with the word hope and, more importantly, explained that it is by his death he showed us the most amazing love anyone can show.

## Gilbert wants to ensure CLU's future

By Kristina Victoria  
STAFF WRITER

A businessman's dream came true as California Lutheran University opened the long-awaited fitness center last fall.

The Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center, housing an arena, a practice gym, a dance studio, a weight room, conference rooms and classrooms, has been open for enjoyment for more than a semester now.

John B. "Jack" Gilbert is very proud to be a donor to this university.

"Of recent date, the most satisfying memory was the dedication of the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center because it took a number of years to raise the funds and it was the culmination," he said.

The Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center is located on North Campus.

"As a matter of fact, the Thousand Oaks Land and

Development employees purchased one of the fundraising bricks on the wall outside of the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center saluting Jack and Carol. That was our way of honoring them," said Judith "Jude" Dumas, TOLD Corporation employee, administrative assistant and personnel administrator.

Although Gilbert never graduated from high school, he believed in the value of education.

"There are so many problems in the world today and the only way to fix them is through education," he said. "I want to give back to the community that made me successful."

Gilbert moved his land development business to Thousand Oaks in 1972.

His company, Thousand Oaks Land and Development "TOLD" actually traces its roots back to 1959.

"Gilbert remembers where he

came from and he sees common goals in others helps because he is able to," said Rockey C. Colborn, TOLD accountant and controller.

In this community, Gilbert has been very successful in constructing a number of buildings and accumulating more than 5 million square feet.

"As a person who has been successful in the free enterprise system, I have learned that a private university has many more advantages than the state education; and given the opportunity to help gives people more opportunities to get a private education," he said.

Before the success of TOLD, Gilbert was successful as a business owner of Zero. Which specialized in industrial sheet metal and one byproduct of it is the steel briefcase.

The modern equivalent to the briefcase is featured on the wide-

spread television show "Deal or No Deal."

"In 1972, when I saw we had a staff of well-trained people, I left to do something else and started TOLD," he said.

The success of TOLD has enabled him to be the largest donor in CLU history.

"I had the connection through Jerry Miller. He was the president before Luther Luedtke and it's the only private university in the area," Gilbert said when talking about why he had chosen CLU over another school to be the recipient of his generosity.

Gilbert saw the rise of his company Zero.

It began with only five people.

When he left it to start TOLD, Zero had 10 plants and 28,000 people under its name.

"This is JBG's life pattern and is nothing new because he has been generous all his life,"

said Dwuan "Dee" Kling, TOLD corporation employee and administrative assistant.

Gilbert hopes that his donations will inspire others to donate to the development of CLU.

He sees his donation that made the sports and fitness center a reality as a starting point for CLU in attracting more donors.

"I felt a number of years ago that if the North Campus was built, buildings were built, not just talked about," he said. "Talk is one thing. Get that building built. People can see it. They [CLU] can draw other money to it and attract other donors."

Gilbert has always been a leader, an entrepreneur in both his companies of Zero and TOLD.

He leads the way because he can see the final result.

"People don't have an imagination," Gilbert said. "If people can see it, feel it; they believe it."



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Inauguration Week provided many events, including Advances in Neuroscience Symposium with speaker Thomas H. McNeill



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Entrepreneurship in the Arts Symposium—A panel of industry professionals explored how strategic partnerships, risk-taking and originality can be channeled into success in the creative arts.



# THE ECHO Calendar

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## Events

WEDNESDAY February 28	THURSDAY March 1	FRIDAY March 2	SATURDAY March 3
<b>Masters in Educational Leadership</b> Oxnard Graduate Center, 4 p.m. <b>"When the Levees Broke" Dinner</b> Roth Nelson Room, 6 p.m. <b>Welcome to Fatherhood series</b> Counseling Center, 6 p.m. <b>Masters in Education in the Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing.</b> Woodland Hills Graduate Center, 7 p.m. <b>BSU: "Pajama Jam," Borderline, 9 p.m.</b> <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Kickboxing, 5 p.m. Martial Arts/Self Defense, 6 p.m.	<b>Priority Deadline for August &amp; December 2007 graduates</b>  <b>Books &amp; Brew: "In a Dry Season"</b> Roth Nelson Room, 4 p.m.  <b>The NEED: Bred in Captivity</b> SUB, 10 p.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Yoga, 5 p.m. Kickboxing, 6 p.m.	<b>FAFSA due today</b>  <b>Club LU</b> TBA, 9 p.m. <b>League Sports:</b> <b>Rock Climbing</b> Arrowhead (+ 2 nights camping) <b>Men's Tennis vs. La Sierra</b> The Courts, 2 p.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</b> Yoga, 5 p.m. Pilates, 6 p.m.	<b>Art Exhibit: Psychedelia begins</b> Overton Hall, March 3-15  <b>Baseball vs. Caltech</b> Ullman Stadium, 11 a.m.  <b>Women's Water Polo vs. Chapman</b> Samuelson Aquatics Center, 1 p.m.  <b>League Sports:</b> <b>8 on 8 Outdoor Soccer</b> West Field, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
SUNDAY March 4	MONDAY March 5	TUESDAY March 6	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
<b>Resident Assistant Selection Group Process</b>  <b>Softball vs. La Verne</b> Ullman Stadium, 12 p.m.  <b>University Symphony: Dvorak</b> Samuelson Chapel, 2 p.m.  <b>Lord of Life Worship Service</b> Samuelson Chapel, 6:15 p.m.	<b>Movie Night: "The Laramie Project"</b> Conejo Lounge, 7 p.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</b> Tae Bo, 5 p.m. Self Defense, 6 p.m. Cardio Hip Hop, 7 p.m.	<b>Art Exhibit: "Highly Favored"</b> Kwan Fong Gallery, March 6-25  <b>Distinguished Speaker series:</b> <b>Observing Day Labor</b> Samuelson Chapel, 4 p.m.  <b>Proactive Job Search workshop</b> Roth Nelson Room, 5:30 p.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</b> Yoga, 5 p.m. Pilates, 6 p.m.	<b>You MUST come see Miss California here on campus!</b>  <b>Don't miss the Ullman Stadium Dedication</b>  <b>Are you an Alpha Mu Gamma? If you are, then stay tuned...</b>

## Women's History Month



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## Alumnus is dedicated to his alma mater

By Stefanie Lucas

STAFF WRITER

From peer adviser as a California Lutheran University undergraduate to his position as an academic counselor for the Center for Academic and Accessibility Resources, Jonathan Gonzales finds joy in positively influencing the lives of others.

Through his involvement at CLU, he discovered his passion for working in a college setting.

"Peer advising sparked my interest in higher education," Gonzales said.

A 2004 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and a minor in psychology, he made the most out of his time at CLU, involving himself with Freedom campus ministry, orientation staff, peer advising for two years and interning his junior year.

Gonzales interned at Bunim-Murray Productions in Van Nuys and had the opportunity to work on the company's Web site, capture stills and put them on MTV.com, learn to edit clips and

do special effects. This company produces such shows as "The Real World," "Road Rules" and "The Simple Life."

"It was really cool to be in that setting, and see how the entertainment industry really worked," he said.

Gonzales enjoyed his years as a CLU undergraduate student, and remembers them as a time that defined who he is today.

"I really feel like I grew up in Mt. Clef, and it really became home for me," he said.

Gonzales, originally from Santa Paula, recommends that each student capitalize on the great opportunities that are available at CLU.

"Before you graduate, do one thing out of your comfort zone," he said. "The summer before my junior and senior year I did service trips to Romania, and I left my comfort zone and it was an experience of a lifetime and a different way to serve."

Gonzales stresses the importance of getting involved on or off campus, and finding one's own niche.

"Get plugged in on campus

whether it is a club, organization, ASCLU or peer advising, use one of these things to help develop a skill set," he said. "They can help prepare you for the real world."

Along with working in the CAAR office, Gonzales is the graduate intern in CLU's Student Programs office. Part of his duties include peer adviser selection and other tasks for fall 2007 orientation. He continues to value the importance of internships that are applicable to future career goals.

"I set career goals for myself, and I want to help others make the most out of every opportunity that comes to them," he said. "Students should work different positions on campus that develop skills for a résumé."

Gonzales is working toward his master's degree in counseling and guidance with an emphasis in college student personnel. He has worked in the CAAR office since July 2005, and prior to that job he had an internship in the Career Center at Pepperdine University.

When Gonzales isn't working on campus or in class, he enjoys black and white photography, going to concerts in Los Angeles



Photograph courtesy of Jonathan Gonzales

2004 graduate Jonathan Gonzales is still a part of CLU, and is a recent "Grey's Anatomy" addict.

He lives in Simi Valley and wants to continue his career in

higher education at CLU. "I have no intentions to leave CLU; it is definitely my home," he said.

## New masters degree program offered

By Aarika Lim

STAFF WRITER

Beginning this summer, California Lutheran University will launch a brand-new Master of Science degree in the education of the deaf and hard of hearing. Unlike most programs, which focus primarily on sign language as the main form of communication for the deaf and hearing impaired, CLU's deaf education master's curriculum emphasizes spoken-language development.

Classes for the deaf education program will be held at CLU's Woodland Hills satellite campus, where the Deaf Education Graduate Center is located. With courses being conducted in evenings and on weekends, the

program will be conducive to the lifestyles of working adults.

"We hope this program will make it more accessible to people, especially working professionals," said Dr. Maura Martindale, director of the deaf and hard of hearing program.

The innovative two-year graduate program is the only spoken-language based program in the state, designed for working professionals. This specialized degree will prepare a generation of California teachers to be knowledgeable and skilled in assisting children with hearing loss. Students of the program will learn to teach these children how to talk, listen and develop high levels of literacy.

Martindale, along with several adjunct professors, will be

teaching courses that include audiology, speech science and language development. Many of the adjunct faculty are professionals working in the field and in the areas that they will be teaching.

"We want students working with the best of the best," Martindale said.

One key aspect of the program will include working with a lot of new technology that has been developed in recent years. Cochlear implants have made a huge change in the lives of those who are hearing impaired, and in the lives of those who educate them. Students are expected to gain the experience, knowledge, skills and vision necessary to teach children with hearing loss in the 21st century.

"I am glad to hear that our school is taking part in helping to prepare future teachers for dealing with the difficulties that I'm sure come with teaching deaf students," senior Dana Wolf said.

While learning how to adapt to technological advances made in this area is one of the goals of this program, others argue that abandoning sign language could be detrimental.

"I think that the new technology is good, but I also feel it is important to respect the culture that has been created by the deaf community which includes sign language," Lindsey Riddle, sophomore and sign language student said.

The program, which has been in the planning and implementation stages for two years under

the School of Education, was approved just before January 2007. With marketing materials currently being developed, the program is just starting to gain interest.

"There is such a tremendous need and demand for teachers of the deaf," Martindale said. "Anyone with a degree like this could go anywhere in the country and get a really good job."

An informational meeting about the deaf and hard of hearing master's program will be held at CLU's satellite campus in Woodland Hills today at 7 p.m. For more information regarding program or those interested in this new field, contact Martindale at mmartind@clunet.edu or (310) 346-3886.

## Anticipated book release date excites Potter fans

By Quinn Rossi

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

After months of speculation, an official release date for the final chapter in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," has arrived. July 21 will be the date fans around the world are now eagerly anticipating.

Harry Potter, the story of a young orphan who discovers that he is a wizard, has quickly become the most popular book

series of the modern era. HPDH, as the fans have begun abbreviating it, has been the top ranked book on Amazon.com for more than a month already—since the Dec. 21 announcement of the title. The Web site is reporting a special pre-order price of \$18.89, reduced from the \$34.99 price which Scholastic, the book's U.S. distributors announced this morning. Scholastic also announced the release of a reinforced library edition for \$39.99, a \$65 special deluxe edition, and an audio book to be released

simultaneously.

Breaking the news was Lisa Holton, president of Scholastic Children's Books, who was reported as saying, "We are thrilled to announce the publication date of the seventh installment in this remarkable series."

"We join J.K. Rowling's millions of readers—young and old, veterans and newcomers—in anticipating what lies ahead."

The previous book in the series, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, was the fastest

selling book in history, selling 6.7 million copies in the first 24 hours alone. The books have become the second most widely translated in the world—the Bible still holds the top rank—and the first six books have more than 120 million copies in print in the U.S. alone. Forbes, reporting her as worth an estimated \$1 billion, recently ranked J.K. Rowling as the second wealthiest woman in entertainment.

July will be a busy month for fans with the release of the

movie version of the fifth book, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" on July 13, only eight days before the release of the seventh book. Also, two weeks after "Deathly Hallows," Prophecy 2007, a large Harry Potter fan conference will be held in Toronto.

Rowling plans to continue writing books after the release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," although she has promised that there will be no more books in the series.



## New residence hall for '08



The softball field is the location for the new Residence Life building

By Stephanie Aguilar  
STAFF WRITER

CLU has begun planning construction of a new residence hall. With enrollment being well over 3000 the school has encountered an inevitable problem: housing.

Many of CLU's staff including President Dr. John Sladek, Provost Dr. Christopher Kimball, Vice President Robert Allison, his associate VP Ryan VanOmmeren, director of residence life Angela Naginey and many others are working to make a new residence life building a reality.

"The Board of Regents is very supportive and we hope for a positive formal vote on resolutions to build this new facility later this month," said William Rosser, vice president of Student Affairs.

School officials realize there is a big problem with so many students but so little room to house them.

"Student demand, need for housing on campus exceeds our capacity," Rosser said. "We have many students living in residential suites of five students that are designed to hold four, and this past fall semester, we had 17 residential students that we had to have live in apartments off campus that the university rented for them.

"We plan some modest future enrollment growth and will need to have housing available for these students. Approximately, 90 percent of first year students and 65 percent of all traditional undergraduate students of the university live on-campus."

Constructing a new Residence Life building requires making changes around campus. The location of the new hall means that present buildings must be moved to accommodate the new residence hall.

"It will be built on the west side of campus between Grace Hall and Potenberg Hall that is currently the softball field and the Facilities Department. Those will be relocated to sites on the north side of campus across Olsen Road," Rosser said.

With enrollment increasing as the years pass, this was an inevitable project. Many students who have not been accommodated in the past will finally be more comfortable, and actually be able to live on campus as opposed to the nearby apartments.

"I think we have received all positive feedback from students. They always enjoy new places to live and the ability to give feedback on what living conditions they like to have," assistant director of Residence Life, Christine Paul said. "I think a new residence hall is a great idea. We do not like to house five students per room on the west side, and a new building of this size would alleviate most of that."

The new Residence Life building will take at least a year to construct and though there is a remote possibility that it could be opened in the fall of 2008, more likely it will open in 2009.

## New president celebrates the arts

By Ariel Collins  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University welcomed Dr. John Sladek, its new president, to the university life through a week of planned events.

"Celebration of the Arts" was one of the events that honored the presidential family and also gave the CLU community an opportunity to get to know them.

"Celebration of the Arts" was held in the Samuelson Chapel. Students, faculty and members of the CLU community came and showed their support for the inauguration of the university's sixth president.

Sladek sat in the front row with his wife Celia, to enjoy the performances that were held in honor of his coming to CLU.

"I went to a small university and I always liked that feeling," Dr. Celia Sladek said. "We feel very welcome at CLU. It seems like a pretty happy place to be."

The CLU program had scheduled select pieces that were performed by students, faculty and others associated with the university. Two close friends of the Sladeks, Dr. R. Alan Kimbrough,

and Dr. Hector Rasgado-Flores, performed.

Kimbrough was a classmate and fraternity brother of Sladek. At "Celebration of the Arts," he played an organ piece by Franz Joseph Haydn, called "Concerto."

Rasgado-Flores, a biomedical scientist and musician/composer, is a colleague of Celia Sladek. He composed two pieces, and dedicated his second piece in honor of the relationship sustained by the president and first lady.

"Sarabanda" is based on John Sladek and his wife's complimenting personalities," Rasgado-Flores said, before performing his piece. Based on the harmonies of two people, it was an exciting piece showing two different personalities coming together to form a great bond.

Student performances were also presented that night. Selections from "The Threepenny Opera" were performed by CLU students Joshua Banday and Amanda Wallace, and CLU alumnus, Michael Falcone.

A scene from "Our Town" was also performed by students Natalie Turner, Flavio Nominati and Renau Rush. The selected

scene was performed in order to bring the audience back to their younger days, remembering the feeling of being in love for the first time.

"I was presently surprised by the 'Our Town' performance. I worked on the posters so it was great to be able to see the work behind it and then see the [performance]. I enjoyed it," sophomore Megan Albe said.

The CLU Choir also performed at the event. They brought the audience to Australia with a song that incorporated the animal and nature sounds of the Outback.

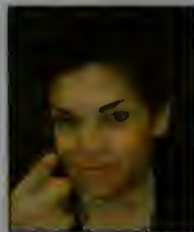
The Sladek family described the aborigine piece as a meaningful piece for them, since their son had just recently returned from being away in Australia.

The choir's last song, "It Takes a Village," confirmed the welcomed feeling of Sladek and his family.

"We all, everyone, must share the burden. We all, everyone, must share the joy. It takes a village," Dr. Wyant Morton said, repeating the words from the song. "It fits the theme of the inauguration in the welcoming of our sixth president."

## Campus Quotes

### What are you giving up for Lent and why?



Megan Lysaght, 2008

"I'm not eating meat on Fridays because Jesus suffered and so should I. Plus, I'm kind of Catholic."

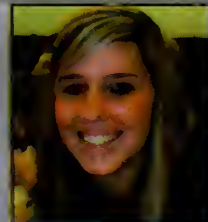
Eric Eggleston, 2009

"Text messaging because it's running my bill too high."



Ashley Oddo, 2009

"Facebook because there are better things I can do with my time."



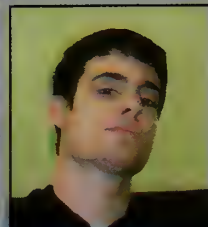
Chris Denton, 2007

"I'm giving up my God-given gift to pleasure the females because I want them to suffer for 40 days."



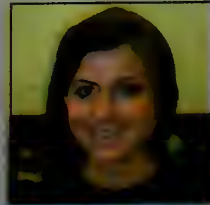
Connor Pearce, 2008

"I'm going to read my Bible more to grow spiritually and overcome struggles."



Avery Bostrom, 2007

"Swearing, because I need to work on it anyway."





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# Scandinavian festival returns to CLU

By Aarika Lim

STAFF WRITER

With Vikings, authentic food and activities galore, the Scandinavian Festival is set to make a triumphant return to California Lutheran University. After a brief hiatus and time to regroup, this 30-year-long tradition will resume April 21-22 with a few key changes.

"We are going to do things that have more Scandinavian roots, which is something they had strayed away from at past festivals," said Lana Lundin, co-chair of the Scandinavian Festival executive committee.

This year, the festivities will begin with an opening parade where Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and the three Baltic countries Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will be represented. Visitors to the festival will have the opportunity to meet with a group of 35 Vikings to learn about their heritage.

In addition, attendees may visit a Sami settlement to experience what life was like for these Scandinavian nomads.

"The Sami people have a unique flag and anthem and will be incorporated into our opening parade," said Anita Longgren, program director of the Scandinavian Center.

A number of exciting new activities are also being planned for youth including a station for flag making, a family trivia game and an area where children



The Scandinavian house has been an icon on CLU's campus for many years.

can fill up a passport that may be retrieved at the information booth.

The passport program will allow youth to participate in an activity associated with each of the five Scandinavian countries and Baltic region represented and receive a stamp in their passport.

A soccer clinic conducted by CLU soccer players will be held on April 21 at the Mt. Clef football stadium.

"Soccer is probably the most popular sport in Norway and Scandinavia," said junior Arild Kraakmo, point person for the soccer clinic and a student from Norway.

Kraakmo has also been drafted to organize an exhibition match between Norway and Sweden. He is trying to get the Norwegian team together.

"Hopefully, we will get all the Scandinavians on the team, along with a few alumni, to play the exhibition match," Kraakmo said.

Visitors can enjoy two different plays, live music, dancing and several contributions from the CLU community, including an art exhibit in the Kwan Fong Gallery and lectures by CLU professors. Another new attraction for the Scandinavian Festival is the Sunday morning worship that

begins April 21 at 11 a.m. in the Samuelson Chapel.

During planning, which began last summer, the festival executive committee decided that the emphasis for this year's Scandinavian Festival would be affordable family fun. Admission to the festival is free for students with a CLU I.D., and prices for the general public have been lowered since the last festival.

The festival, which used to be under the jurisdiction of the university, is now put on by the Scandinavian Center.

"We had to raise money and ensure that we were self-suf-

ficient," said Richard Longgren, director of the Scandinavian Center and member of the Festival executive committee.

Private donors, local Scandinavian clubs and the Scandinavian Center on campus are responsible for sponsoring this year's festival.

"When it was suspended, there were a lot of complaints from vendor groups because it was a major source of income for them," Anita Longgren said.

Former CLU president Dr. Jerry Miller has been the primary fundraiser, getting people in the community to donate and fund the festival.

"Just the other day I was able to get a \$300,000 sponsorship from Nefin Volvo," Miller said. One of the major contributors for the festival is the Swedish Women Education Association.

With funding for the festival continuing to come in, the committee is focusing on marketing techniques and recruiting help.

"We just need lots of volunteers," said Eric Berg '92, co-chair of the Scandinavian Festival executive committee. "If there are any students interested in some service time, we'd love to have the help."

For more information on the Scandinavian Festival or to volunteer, visit their Web site, [www.callutheran.com/scanfest](http://www.callutheran.com/scanfest), or e-mail Richard Longgren at [kronapress@verizon.net](mailto:kronapress@verizon.net).

# Model U.N. class experiences Boston

By Kimberly Benning

STAFF WRITER

Traveling from Southern California to freezing, snowy Massachusetts, the Model United Nations class at California Lutheran University attended the Harvard National Model United Nations Conference in Boston last weekend.

"It was really fun," junior Megan Lysaght said. "You meet so many people."

She explained that the first day of the conference consisted of learning parliamentary procedures such as motions. Lysaght said that during free time they visited Harvard University, the New England Aquarium and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, and Harvard hosted a dance and a concert for the conference's attendees. Many of the CLU students went on their first subway ride, and saw snow for the first time on this trip.

Amanda Howard, a junior majoring in international studies and German, was part of the Economic Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean that



The Model U.N. class enjoyed their experience in Boston, representing Jamaica during their five-day stay.

focused on gang violence in Latin America.

"Most people on my committee were from Latin American countries," she said. "The majority of them were from Venezuela."

According to Howard, 2,500

students from around the globe attended the conference. Other California schools at the conference included UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly, Cal State Long Beach and Stanford University.

Rita Mutyaba, a senior from Uganda majoring in business

administration with an emphasis in international business, said the conference was an exciting experience.

"It was interesting to see so many people and everyone had different ideas," she said.

Her committee's resolution,

which would have the U.N. play a bigger role in Iraq and would give the U.S. a timeline in which to get out of Iraq, passed in a 53-42 vote.

"I think people should really consider this class," Mutyaba said.

Lysaght's committee resolution, which involved human trafficking, was also passed.

"It was interesting to see that it still got passed even though there are countries that didn't want to see it endorsed," she said.

Lysaght, Mutyaba and Howard, all first-year members of Model U.N., agreed that the conference was a great experience, despite the cold weather.

"The topic interests me," Howard said. "I want to do something internationally based."

She added that both the Model U.N. class and the Harvard conference look good on résumés and graduate school applications.

The young diplomats-in-training returned to CLU on Feb. 19. Despite the cold weather, it seemed to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for the students.



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## Inauguration spurs school pride



**By Kelly Barnett**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I was pleased to see fellow classmates at the inauguration of our president, Dr. John R. Sladek. A three-day weekend is certainly appealing, however, I am glad that many resisted the temptation and stayed to witness history in the making with

the inauguration of California Lutheran University's sixth president.

While sitting in the beautiful new Gilbert Arena watching the faculty process down the aisles in their various colored caps and gowns, I could not help but feel extremely proud and honored to be a CLU student. However, since graduation is just a few months away, I also became excited to be an alumna.

My father graduated from CLU, then California Lutheran College, in 1981. As the daughter of an alumnus, I'm acutely aware of the presence of the CLU Alumni Association and the ways in which they strive to keep graduates connected to the university.

As in any relationship, the one a student has with their alma mater and its community is certainly give-and-take. CLU provides students the tools necessary to become a contributing

citizen of society, an education of their world, the confidence to achieve their dreams and hopefully the networking opportunities to obtain a job after graduation. While all of this comes at a price, \$25,530 a year in tuition to be exact, I believe that the benefits of being a CLU student and alumnus are invaluable.

I also believe that it is largely the students that make CLU the diverse place it is, and that it is the needs of the students that prompt advancements and changes on campus.

Though we may feel guilty for not being able to give large amounts of money when we receive a donation card in the mail a year after graduating, since we will still be paying off student loans, our time will come.

Later in our lives, when we are living comfortably and making

There is no nonsense so errant that it cannot be made the creed of the vast majority by adequate governmental action.

—Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

six-figure salaries, we will give back to our school through generous monetary donations. In the meantime, we can give back by volunteering to participate in speaking panels and supporting the Kingsmen and Regals athletics by attending games.

So although I may be inclined to have an extraordinary amount of school spirit due to my days as a cheerleader, I hope that you, the student body, also take pride in our wonderful CLU and look forward to being an alumnus and having a connection to this university for years to come.

We will have the opportunity to watch our small university expand and grow, and we will love it when we can look back and say that we remember when we had to walk eight minutes to the cafeteria from Janss Hall, uphill both ways.

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## Some simple tips for men in the dating world

**By Clair Tenney**

STAFF WRITER

It has come to my realization that men are absolutely clueless when it comes to dating a woman. I would like to enlighten the male species and bring a newfound understanding of females and the way they tick.

The first date is a big deal. And it can be nerve wracking. So many things need to be considered: clothing choice, restaurant pick, I would recommend a place that is not too cheap or too fancy – unique places are the best, shaving and cologne – not too overwhelming, spray at least 20 minutes before the

date.

Behave like an old-fashioned gentleman. When you are being seated at the restaurant, let her walk ahead of you. Remember to always open the door for her as well.

Be fun during the date. Make stupid jokes and always laugh at hers, this is key. Don't be concerned with your manliness. Confidence equals manly and sexy.

At the end of the date, do you kiss her? Use the utmost body language discernment possible for this portion. Watch for open-bodied positions, eye contact, touching and lingering.

After frequent dates and hang outs, the relationship

between a man and a woman begins to change. I hear of many friends who are at this stage who wonder if there is another woman whom the male is dating. So men, be aware that even if you are dating or sleeping with somebody else, she still wants to feel special. This means to keep out of sight all other prospects.

At this stage, I would recommend to call or text message her during the week to let her know you are thinking of her. Two days without contact is a maximum. Even if the call or text is just to say hi, it is important.

Pay her compliments. It's nice to hear you are cute... sometimes. However, if this is the only compliment you can come up with you need to start searching for more. "You look good" is not a compliment, it's a stupid statement. Replace

"good" with "hot" or "beautiful."

Next in the dating process comes a relationship. A relationship is the exclusive interaction between a male and a female. This does not always mean that you are boyfriend or girlfriend. You do not need to change your MySpace status for a relationship to exist. The relationship does not need to be spoken. However, it can be the mutual understanding of feelings.

At this stage, you need to call her. You need to call her daily or send text messages. This is such a simple way to let her know you are thinking of her and make her feel special.

Always acknowledge things a woman does for you. Every woman wants to feel appreciated. If you don't acknowledge her deeds, then you will no longer see them.

Something so important for a woman is how the man reacts when she is having a problem. When she is upset by a problem, simply listen, shut your mouth. Do not try to solve the problem; merely show that you care. Nod your head and ask questions to show her you are listening and understanding. Never tell her you don't know what to say. A hug is always a great answer.

Tell her that you like her. Seriously, we really don't know, and we like to be reminded.

Touching her in public is important to make a woman feel special. Hold hands and give her kisses and hugs. It says you are proud to be seen with her in front of others.

Relationships are difficult and different women have different preferences. The tips and rules listed are ones that seem so simple, but so many men don't follow them.

I also recommend that men use self-analysis more often. I hear women frequently wonder and analyze what they can do in the relationship or what it was about the relationship that failed. Without asking these questions you can never improve and growth will not occur.

During the relationship, after a fight or after a break-up, use self-analysis, men. Ask yourself what you could have done better and remember for next time. It will make you a better friend, boyfriend and lover.

Good luck.

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Man is an animal which, alone among the animals, refuses to be satisfied by the fulfillment of animal desires.  
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**Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922)**

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## Do we really need another \$1 coin?



By **Natasha Terry**

COLUMNIST

You know those annoying \$1 coins that look like quarters when you hold them in your hand with other coins? Well, the United

States has decided to issue a new \$1 coin alongside the existing ones to honor the nation's presidents. The new \$1 American coin went into circulation last week and they have yet to make an impact.

Every three months, a different president will be pictured on the coin. The first dollar coin released had Washington's image. Later this year, more coins will be released with the images of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

This is a cool way to honor the nation's presidents, but it is also a heavy way. I don't know about you, but I am not crazy about carrying around coins. They get too heavy when you accumulate enough of them in

your wallet.

I would much rather carry around dollar bills. It seems that a lot of people share this same feeling. According to a new poll, three-fourths of us prefer paper dollars to coins. The coin dollars also take up too much room. The paper money you can fold up easily into your wallet or pocket. Coins on the other hand are a little more difficult to carry around, not to mention heavier.

The presidential dollar coins are in addition to the already-minted Sacagawea Golden Dollar coins, which were released in 2000. The U.S. is now contemplating whether to remove the dollar bill from circulation. The dollar bill is the lowest value bank note in the world.

I think it would be stupid to get rid of the \$1 bill. Why do we want to have dollar coins to carry around? They seem so inconvenient, especially because they are much heavier and bulkier than the dollar bill.

Besides, if we were to move to more coin currency, it would be harder to look and find the exact amount we need when we are spending our money. I think it is more difficult to pick out a dollar coin when you have a hand full of change consisting of quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. It is a lot easier just to grab the dollar bills out of your pocket and figure out the right amount to pay with.

We are also now in the age of plastic. Today, most people

do not carry around cash or coin as they used to. Most people use their credit cards or ATM cards when they make most transactions. Using plastic is faster and more convenient. The dollar coins will probably prove unsuccessful against the new means of carrying out transactions.

I have a feeling these one dollar coins will become collectors' items such as past \$1 coins. Honoring our nation's presidents is a great thing to do, but doing it on \$1 coins is not the best way.

The issuance of the new coin dollars seems like a waste of money and time. The past dollar coins have proved to be unsuccessful. What makes the government think these dollar coins will be any different?

## Moderation is the most basic key to living well

By **Alex Candia**

COLUMNIST

One thing that continues to haunt society is its complete lack of moderation. This includes everything that you see and hear every day in the media, and also in your own microenvironment. The absence of moderation has led to many modern-day horrors; for example, reality TV. Personally, I find it hard to enjoy. Though, sometimes I can become inadvertently entangled in a girl-versus-girl fist-fight on "Bad Girls Club" or people telling Dr. Phil that he is an idiot because he is so condescending. But shows such as "American Idol," "The Hills" or "My Super Sweet 16," I fear are taken far too seriously and are dragging us down with them.

The first couple weeks of

"American Idol" are dedicated to trekking across America, trying to find the "diamond in the rough," but every year the "rough" gets rougher. The panel of judges continues to mock 99 percent of the competition.

I will admit that I do say to myself, "who told this person it was a good idea to sing?" But seven years ago, I did not have to even think about such things.

Now it seems that if someone in Anywhere, USA, wants to be on television, they just have to be a complete fool on "American Idol." People should follow their dreams, that should always remain true, but trust me, I have no natural or acquired talent in golfing, so I am not expecting to be the next Tiger Woods just by improperly swinging a club on a television competition.

Shows like "The Hills" and "My Super Sweet 16" give audiences the false reality that everyone should be so pampered and rich, despite not having any real talent or productive abilities at all. For those of you who watch these shows only to live vicariously through these people and then are able to go on living a real life, I congratulate you because you obviously do not believe these shows reflect any accurate vision of a healthy reality.

The confirmation that this type of television is having as positive an influence on society as crystal meth is the obscene post-mortem coverage of the former reality television star Anna Nicole Smith. I was hoping that after I mentioned something two weeks ago, it would have long since blown over. But things

have gone the opposite direction and now more people are getting involved, including the Boward Circuit Judge Larry Seidlin. Seidlin, as you may remember from his Oscar-worthy performances during the fiasco, is in talks for his own television show or segment.

James Poniewozik from Time Magazine probably said exactly what anyone with a conscience was thinking, "She was a super-sized meal of pop culture. We gobbled her down, felt a little sick afterward and then blamed her, like heart patients suing a fast-food chain."

This statement draws in another facet of improper portioning. People like Morgan Spurlock and Michael Moore have become the media-equivalent of suicide bombers in their extreme actions.

You should not eat McDonald's every day and expect to stay healthy. I am not a qualified doctor but I can give Spurlock this advice and save him the pain. If someone wanted to take down Hershey's, they could eat only Hershey's products for 30 days and then sue for compensation of a dental bill and make a film out of it. Michael Moore's tactic is to be the metaphorical stone in the shoe that is annoying and no one is sure of how it got in there. I agree with many of the points he makes but I do not suggest that the best tactic is to be a jerk wearing a Michigan hat.

Basically, I am just suggesting that people should take a second to reflect about what they are consuming. Just like everything else, using moderation is the best way to not get a hangover.

## Does traditional love exist in our evolving society?



By **Emily Melander**

COLUMNIST

In light of the recent red-themed holiday, that four-letter word that is either feared or worshiped, and sometimes both, by the majority of the population will be the topic of this discussion.

After a painful and agonizing fight, love has finally resigned its grasp on the population. In its place: the great surrender of society. It is no longer about finding that special someone that makes you feel all "twitterpated." The time of soul-mates has vanished. The goal now, for many modern adults is to find someone stable and, if nothing else, tolerable.

With the invention of online dating and various e-communities, the pressure to actually be a genuinely-skilled and well-adapted person has faded. It is no longer about who you are, but how you are able to present yourself to the online community. The pursuit of love has turned into an online meat-market search of potential "adequates" and possible "it'll work."

According to comScore

Media Metrix, 22,394,000 people visited personal ad site categories through Internet companies in December alone. The bottom line is that the Internet has absolutely changed the way we interact with one another, specifically in regards to the formation of romantic relationships.

I hope that I am not the only one who finds it regrettable that, in modern college culture, the presentation of flowers is nearly obsolete. Where is the romance? Where is the chase? The only things that dating require now are a comfortable office chair and nimble typing fingers plus maybe a good friend to take sultry photos of you after a two-hour prep.

The New York Times recently reported on a disturbing rising love trend in Asia. It has become somewhat common for South

Korean men to travel abroad to pick young foreign wives and hold weddings in a matter of days. The article detailed the marriage of Mr. Kim, a high school graduate, who lives with his mother and his sister, and works on the assembly line of a small manufacturer of car keys.

The practice, according to the editorial, is overseen by a marriage broker whom the hopeful husband contacts and pays, typically around \$10,000. Young women, usually from poor or rural families, register with the broker with the hopes of finding a better life.

In the article, Kim narrowed his potential brides from the original 20-some Vietnamese women to two lucky girls. When he asked them whether they had any questions; the first, Bui Thi Thuy, said

she had none. But the other girl asked, "If I marry you, will you love me and take care of me forever?" Mr. Kim's response was "Of course," and then he quickly decided to marry Ms. Thuy.

In 2000, only 4 percent of South Korean marriages were to foreigners. This number has skyrocketed to 14 percent in 2005.

I do not understand the appeal of the watered down search for love. As a diehard romantic, I truly believe that the issue should not be about fulfilling a societal requirement for companionship, or enabling greater financial freedom through dual income.

Love is not a Web page, and love is not a service. It should not be relegated to a life necessity, but, instead, love should be allowed to happen sans coercion or setup.



## Men's tennis will host La Sierra



By Christina Paulsen

STAFF WRITER

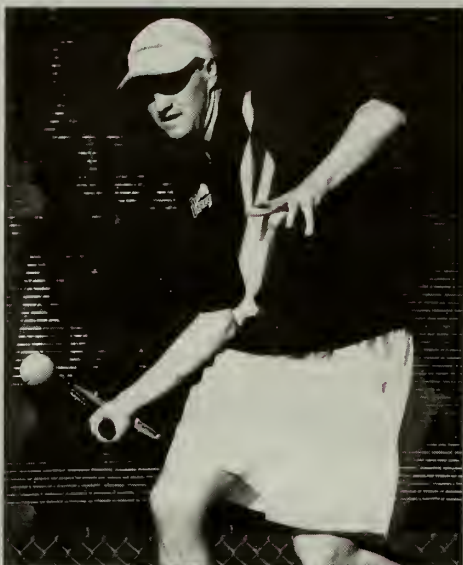
The California Lutheran University men's tennis team looks to rebound from it's first SCIAC loss of the season when it hosts La Sierra on Friday at 2 p.m.

The Golden Eagles have failed to win a game this season. This includes a 7-1 loss against Caltech, a team that the Kingsmen swept.

"La Sierra is not a tennis powerhouse," sophomore Paul Wetterholm said, "so we are not too worried about them as a team."

On Feb. 9, the Kingsmen lost the season opener 7-2 in a non-conference match-up against Westmont. The next day, CLU lost the conference opener as it was routed 8-1 by highly ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

"As a team, we were very proud to win one against such an elite and respectable team



Photograph by Tracy Mapla

such as Claremont," freshman Jordan Culpepper said. "We thought we were going to just get slaughtered, but we realized we can hang with a top five nationally ranked team."

Assistant coach Jenia Karimov believes that

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps has a good chance to win the national title.

"Claremont had a very hard team," Karimov said.

The Kingsmen bounced right back from the loss later that day. They swept Biola 9-

0 in a non-conference match-up.

Playing in the No. 1 spot, senior Ben Staley and sophomore Forrest Hunt won 8-3 in doubles. Playing as No. 2, Wetterholm and Joe Loneragan won 8-1 while freshman Ryan Lassila and Culpepper won 8-0.

In singles, Staley won 6-3, 6-0. Loneragan won 6-2, 6-1 while Hunt won 6-1, 6-1. Wetterholm swept both games 6-0, 6-0.

The Kingsmen continued their winning ways against La Verne and Caltech, sweeping them each 9-0.

"After playing great teams such as Westmont and Claremont we were ready for anything those two teams brought to the table," Culpepper said. "We had a lot of confidence because we rarely lose to teams of that caliber."

"Our team did exceed- ing well against La Verne," Wetterholm said. "As a team, we didn't lose that many

games. We respected them and beat them 9-0 and didn't let up at any time during the match. I focused on what I had to do, which was play my hardest."

On Saturday, the Kingsmen winning streak was snapped in a 6-3 loss against Pomona-Pitzer. The loss dropped CLU to 2-2 in SCIAC play.

"They are like our league rivalry," Culpepper said. "[Pomona-Pitzer] and Redlands will decide if we come in second in conference or not."

Before the Pomona-Pitzer match Wetterholm stressed the importance of the match-up.

"I am preparing myself for the match against Pomona because they are going to be one of the teams to beat this year in conference. I want to be respected by the people on the CLU campus for my ability to play tennis at a high level. In order for me to be respected, I have to keep on winning big matches."

## SCIAC Standings

(Updated on Feb. 26)

## Integrity not a priority

By Nick Bjork

COLUMNIST

Sports analysts and fans have always loved to debate the best players, the best team and the best sports moment.

It's fun because they are open-ended debates. It's a part of sports.

There are now debates of how steroid use in professional sports should be handled and how it will affect sports history.

When steroids are associated with a player do their accomplishments become tarnished? Should they be banned or given a second chance?

Are they seen as cheaters and does it ruin the dignity of the sport?

People have different opinions on these questions.

Professional sports are a business. Therefore, teams want to win and gain as much revenue as possible.

As an athlete, the need to play at the highest level possible is driven by personal goals and wanting to win. Once an athlete turns professional money and contracts become part of the equation.

In order to get to that high

level of play some athletes feel the use of steroids is necessary for them. If that player is putting up good numbers and helping the team win, I can see where a coach or team will look the other way.

As I said, it is a business, and if business is good, why disrupt that. However, these professional athletes are icons and role models for today's young athletes. The integrity needs to be re-established.

There are two athletes in the world right now in two different professional sports that have been caught using steroids.

In the National Football League's 2006 season, Shawne Merriman of the San Diego Chargers tested positive for the use of steroids.

He was fined and served a four-game suspension.

The 22-year-old was the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2005. He also started in the Pro Bowl after compiling 57 tackles and 10 sacks.

He earned the nickname "lights out" for his hard hitting in high school.

In 2006 Merriman, put together 62 tackles and 17 sacks. He was again selected

this year to the Pro Bowl and was the runner up Defensive Player of the Year.

Even after testing positive for steroids, Merriman is considered one of the best players in the NFL. A slap on the wrist fine and a four-game suspension is all he endured.

In Major League Baseball, Barry Bonds was found using amphetamines. He recently signed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract with the San Francisco Giants.

Bonds will get another chance to break Hank Aaron's all-time homerun record.

He needs 22 more dingers to capture the record.

Hank Aaron's authentic accomplishment of hitting 755 career homeruns is in jeopardy of being surpassed by a juicer.

If Bonds hits the controversial long ball to break the record outside of San Francisco, he will be greeted with a golf clap, or at best, boos.

Some real integrity would have been held if Bonds didn't get signed this year at all, but considering the business side of professional baseball, it is hard to turn away his bat that will help win games this season.



### Basketball (FINAL)

Occidental	12-2
Cal Lutheran	10-4
Redlands	10-4
Pomona-Pitzer	10-4
CMS	7-7
LaVerne	4-10
Whittier	3-11
Caltech	0-14

### Baseball

Redlands	3-0
LaVerne	3-0
Pomona-Pitzer	2-1
CMS	2-1
Occidental	3-3
Cal Lutheran	1-2
Whittier	1-2
Caltech	0-6

### Swimming & Diving (FINAL)

Redlands	7-0
CMS	6-1
Occidental	5-2
Cal Lutheran	3-4
Pomona-Pitzer	3-4
LaVerne	3-4
Whittier	1-6
Caltech	0-7

### Tennis

CMS	4-0
Redlands	4-0
Pomona-Pitzer	3-1
Cal Lutheran	2-2
Whittier	1-2
Occidental	1-2
LaVerne	0-4
Caltech	0-4

### Basketball (FINAL)

LaVerne	12-2
CMS	10-4
Occidental	9-5
Redlands	9-5
Cal Lutheran	7-7
Whittier	5-9
Pomona-Pitzer	2-12
Caltech	2-12

### Softball

Whittier	2-0
Redlands	3-1
Cal Lutheran	2-2
LaVerne	2-2
Pomona-Pitzer	1-1
CMS	0-4
Occidental	0-4

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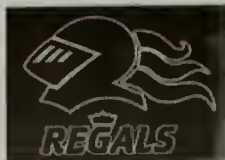
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### Tennis

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LaVerne	1-2
Caltech	1-2
Occidental	0-3
Whittier	0-3
Cal Lutheran	0-4



## CLU swimmers break through



By Kevin Baxter

STAFF WRITER

With a phone call to coach Tom Dodd last Thursday afternoon, junior swimmers Christa Ratcliff and Merle Vermillion became the first two California Lutheran University swimmers in school history to be invited to the NCAA Division III Championships.

The call came a day earlier than expected as the two swimmers anxiously anticipated hearing if they had made it on Friday morning.

"The selection process was released one day earlier than it was published. It came out on Thursday and we were expecting it on Friday, so that added to the

surprise," Dodd said. "I thought, for an instant that the first call may have been a mean-spirited joke, but soon it sunk in and it was a feeling of relief that we had made it in."

After Dodd heard the good news, he immediately relayed the information on to his two swimmers and told the women to get ready because they were going to nationals in Houston, Texas.

Ratcliff admits she wasn't expecting to be invited to nationals and was truly shocked to hear the good news from her coach.

"I really thought that the only way I was going to Houston was if Merle let me be a stowaway in her luggage," Ratcliff said. "I still get a little nervous when I hear my phone ring; I think it's going to be Tom [Dodd] telling me that they made a mistake and I can't go anymore."

The pair came away with qualifying times at the SCIAC Championships in mid-February. Vermillion became eligible as a possible NCAA Championship



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**WORTH A MILLION** — Merle Vermillion (left) placed third in the 100 Breaststroke at the SCIAC Championships.

selection with her 50-yard freestyle time of 24.22 while Ratcliff qualified with a time of 4:37.98 in the 400-yard individual medley.

For the past two seasons, former CLU breaststroke swimmer Jennifer Rios had made the NCAA B-cut to be eligible for nationals but had never received the invitation to the championship event.

ship event.

Now that they know they have secured a spot at the championships that will be held at the University of Houston, the women are training everyday for the three-day event that begins on March 8. As a selection as part of the championship field, each swimmer gets to compete in

three different events. Vermillion will be competing in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, while Ratcliff will participate in the 200-yard individual medley, 400-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke.

"This past week we've done some pretty intense doubles as well as light weights," Vermillion said. "We will probably work pretty hard beginning this next week, then start lightening up near the end so that we get rest."

The two championship selections were a large step in a positive direction for the CLU Swimming and Diving program that has been lead by Dodd since its inception in 2003.

"It was a thrill and relief. With all the obstacles we have had to overcome with being off campus for almost four years," Dodd said. "It was a relief that we were able to have enough consistency in our training program to get two swimmers to the NCAA's."

## North Campus should be viewed as a positive addition

By Nick Bjork

COLUMNIST

The North Campus has made many athletes happy at California Lutheran University.

Not everyone is satisfied with the new addition though. There is talk of some students wondering why there is so much money going into new athletic facilities.

Those students are obviously not athletes, and are more concerned with the academic side of CLU, which is fine.

Each student who attends CLU should have the goal to succeed in the classroom and graduate.

However, the fact is that CLU is not an all-academic university. Since there are athletics at CLU it is important to coaches, players and fans to be competitive.

To become competitive in a sport there needs to be the right chemistry of good players and good coaches.

Having state-of-the-art facilities won't win games, but it will help in the process of getting the right people to win.

Everyone wants to be a champion in competitive athletics. Unfortunately, there is only one champion per sport making the goal very difficult to obtain.

The first step in having a chance to become a future champion is having a great recruitment of new players.

The recruiting process for

coaches is very important to what potential their team is going to have to be successful the next season.

As a young student athlete there are many attributes of each school that are considered in choosing where to attend.

CLU is a beautiful campus with great people. It is located in a nice safe city. There are many positives that go along with CLU, but new athletic facilities were a must.

**"Having state-of-the-art facilities won't win games, but it will help in the process of getting the right people to win."**

Nick Bjork

In order to compete in getting good athletes, there needs to be comparable or better facilities to attract them.

The North Campus has done that now for baseball, basketball, volleyball, swimming and water polo.

I feel the chance of those sports being more competitive and possible champions in their sport in the future is a direct reflection of the new facilities.

As far as everyone else goes,

there is an incredibly-updated fitness weight room to take advantage of.

Feel fortunate if you are a young student who didn't have the pleasure of working out in the old weight room.

The roof leaked when it rained, causing the weights to rust and the room to smell of mildew.

It is also the size of my freshman year dorm room.

If you are someone who has played a sport in the old gym, you know the floor creaked and the finish was cracked and chipped.

There were dead spots in the floor where a basketball wouldn't bounce right.

The old baseball field was like playing on a pasture with no fan seating.

CLU has never had a pool to accompany its water sports.

CLU's swimming and water polo has had to use local high schools to practice and compete in its sports.

It's embarrassing as an athlete, coach and university to have dealt with some of these circumstances.

The North Campus is a step in the right direction.

There are still some facilities that need to be completed though.

Overall, the North Campus should be something that should be looked at as a positive event for CLU.

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## Caltech series should be a boost



By Cory Schuett

STAFF WRITER

After dropping two of three games with Pomona-Pitzer in the first SCIAC match-up of the season, the Kingsmen (6-6) look to start a new winning streak in a series with Caltech this weekend.

The Beavers (1-10) won their first game of the season but have dropped 10 in a row. They were outscored 30-159 in those losses, which include a sweep by Redlands last weekend.

John D'Auria, the head coach at Caltech, has spent the past 24 years coaching at the university.

In 33 total games against the Beavers, the Kingsmen have never lost.

"We have to treat it like any other series," head coach Marty Slimak said, "but we will definitely get everybody in the games."

The series with Pomona-Pitzer (7-2) began on Friday with a home win 7-3. Junior right fielder Trevor Davidson hit a grand slam in the fourth inning.

"I just tried to stay back on it," Davidson said. "He was trying to get me away that time. He hung a curve and I took it the other way."



Photograph by Ryan Gettleman

**TAKE A HACK** — Junior Chad Ullman is at the plate during the weekend series against Pomona-Pitzer. The Kingsmen went 1-2 in the series, losing the last two games by a combined score of 14-5.

The ball sailed over the 8-foot wall in right field and gave the Kingsmen a 5-1 lead. It was the first home run witnessed by an Ullman Stadium crowd.

Junior Danny Caldwell (2-0) threw seven innings and gave up three runs. The right-hander struck out two, walked two and picked up his second win of the season.

"The most important thing was getting ahead of the hitters," Caldwell said. "Our

catcher, Mike Young, called a good game. We mixed things up well."

The final two games of the series didn't go as well, as the Kingsmen lost both games of a road doubleheader by scores of 5-1 and 9-4.

In the early game, junior Tom Dunlap pitched a complete game for the Sagehens, allowing six hits. A wild pitch in the fourth inning allowed the Kingsmen to score their only run.

Senior Josh Gagne (1-1) pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing one run on three hits, striking out five. The left-hander was not involved in the decision.

All five runs for the Pomona-Pitzer were scored in the final three innings.

Defense was a problem in the second game of the doubleheader. CLU committed three errors in the first inning that allowed four runs.

The Sagehens first baseman Drew Hedman was 4 for

5 with a home run and three RBI.

Sophomore second baseman David Iden was 2 for 3 with two walks and two RBI. Young put the Kingsmen on the scoreboard with a solo home run in the second inning.

The Kingsmen open the series with Caltech on the road at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. They return for a home doubleheader starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

## 'Do or die' time for the Regals



By Veronica Torres

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University softball team will try to stop a two-game skid against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps in a double-header on Saturday at noon.

The Regals (2-2) will travel to face the Athenas (1-1) who are coming off a split doubleheader against La Verne, which included a 3-2 extra-inning win.

"We're going to scratch and crawl to the front seat again," said sophomore outfielder

Nikki Campbell. "If we do badly next weekend then we're in position to get third place in league, and we want to fight for first."

**"Next weekend is do or die. We have to come out to win every game."**

Debby Day

In game one, the Bulldogs got ahead in the first inning when first baseman Nicky Neumann drove home leadoff hitter Allyson Leslie on a sacrifice fly.

That was all Redlands would need as pitcher Katie Brnca shut out the Regals, scattering just three hits while striking out six. The Regals had their scoring chances but failed to knock in the runs, stranding 10 runners throughout.

The loss spoiled a gem pitched by Lizzy Chacon, allowing just two runs on three hits.

In the second game, the Regals took a 2-1 lead in the second inning when Chacon hit a bases-loaded RBI single to center.

In the fifth inning, Emily Robertson doubled off the right

field wall, advancing Crystal Kincaid to third. Danielle Everson drove Kincaid in on a sacrifice fly, increasing the lead to 3-1.

But the Bulldogs struck back in the sixth inning, leading off with three consecutive base hits. Ashley Serbus hit an RBI single and Arlene Martinez used a sacrifice bunt to tie the game at 3. In the seventh, Kolbi Sprague's RBI single knocked in the game-winning run.

In both games, the Regals struggled to capitalize on scoring chances.

"We should have been hitting that pitcher from the beginning," Everson said. "We should have had more runs than we did. As far as defense everyone was really strong. They capitalized on hitting more than we did."

The Regals were disappointed in the way the games turned out, but they were encouraged because they were only a couple of hits away from winning both games.

"We played really good," Campbell said, "but we didn't have timely hitting like they had."

"I think we played great," head coach Debby Day said. "Our pitching was outstanding [and] we made some great plays. [But] I thought we could have made some better adjustments at the plate."

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps won three conference titles throughout the '90s and the Regals know they need to be focused to beat them.

"Next weekend is do or die," Day said. "We have to come out to win every game."



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## Holocaust remembered with tribute

By Matt Matasci

STAFF WRITER

Holocaust Memorial Day was remembered in a musical tribute by Don Krim and Dr. Eric Kinsley at California Lutheran University on Sunday. The two performed works by G.F. Handel, Carlos Guastavino and a few others.

The service took place in Samuelson Chapel.

"We were told the event took place at 3 [p.m.] but CLU changed it to start at 2 [p.m.]," Don Krim said. "I told all my guests to come later, so we threw together a short piece to warm up and kill time until everyone arrived."

The piece that was performed in the first hour was "Cantata RV: 674, Perfidissimo cor! Iniquo fato!" All of the pieces featured Krim, countertenor on vocals and Kinsley backing him up on piano.

After a short break, the rest of the guests came in and the tribute began.

The first piece was a tribute to Lorraine Hunt Lieberson, a mezzo-soprano who died of breast cancer last year at the age of 52.

The song performed in her remembrance was an excerpt from Theodora, which was a favorite of Lieberson's. She had performed and recorded selections from it several times.

This performance was followed up by pieces by Carlos Guastavino and Joaquin Rodrigo, both in Spanish and from the twentieth century.



Photograph by Karl Busch

A service was held in Samuelson Chapel to remember the Holocaust of World War II.

The stateside premiere of a three-song cycle by British composer Mike Watts followed up this performance.

Although it has been performed in Europe, it has never before been performed in the United States.

This work was set to poetry of A.E. Houseman. It won a composition competition in England.

The last performance of the night was another piece by G.F. Handel and was titled Ombra mai fu. After a rousing ovation, Krim and Kinsley came out for a final encore.

"I thought the performance was very beautiful and moving," Francesca Rodriguez, '06 "To

hear this music really put me in a contemplative place."

Krim has performed at many local venues including St. Patrick's Episcopal, Holy Nativity Episcopal, Laguna Beach Live and Alhambra Methodist.

All of his local performances were in collaboration with Kinsley.

Krim will be moving to Spain this summer to perform a new opera by Watts, which is based on an early play by Federico Garcia Lorca, given in 2008 at the Deia Music Festival.

In addition, he will perform in Palma de Mallorca late this summer a concert version of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas with

Timothy Roberts, a harpsichordist of the Gabrieli Consort.

Kinsley is a performing artist and educator living in the Los Angeles area.

He holds a doctorate of music degree from the Manhattan School of Music.

Today, Kinsley is a member of the faculty at CLU.

He is also the director of music and organist for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Thousand Oaks.

"It was very impressive to see the amount of chemistry between Krim and Dr. Kinsley," Margaret Schroeder '06 said, "The way they performed together was very amazing."

## The passing of retired professor evokes fond memories

By Sabrina Frailich

STAFF WRITER

Retired California Lutheran University professor Dr. Fred Bowman died of a heart attack on April 9, in his Thousand Oaks home at the age of 83 years.

Bowman came to CLU in 1966. He started as one of the founders of the speech and drama department, along with other professors.

When he left CLU in 1988, he was a professor of communication.

Bowman became known as a professor of public speaking, and for his way of making students feel comfortable in front of an audience.

"Fred challenged his students to reach higher than they thought they could," said Dr. Beverly Kelley, communication

professor. "He enjoyed teaching public speaking and even though he must have heard every topic imaginable, he made each student feel as if he was hearing their choice of subject for the first time."

Bowman was a great contributor to CLU even when he was not teaching, including being a supporter of KCLU.

"When I had a call-in radio show, he never missed a Monday night. I could always count on getting at least one call from 'Fred of Thousand Oaks,'" Kelley said.

"He not only contributed a great deal of money to the station over the years, but he also volunteered to man the phone lines during pledge week."

Even when the speech department no longer existed at CLU, Bowman still remained a

supporter of the communication department.

"He enjoyed teaching public speaking and even though he must have heard every topic imaginable, he made each student feel as if he was hearing their choice of subject for the first time."

Dr. Beverly Kelley

"He just wanted what was best for the students," Kelley said.

The CLU communication department enjoyed the presence of Bowman.

"He seemed to be a warm

and friendly person with a well-developed sense of humor," said Dr. Russell Stockard, communication professor.

One of Bowman's passions, besides teaching, was the love he had for animals.

He had a golden retriever named Cobber that he often brought along with him on campus.

He would also take his four-legged friend to nursing homes to visit the elderly.

Bowman even brought Cobber to greet the new CLU president.

He is sure to be remembered for years to come on the CLU campus.

"There are so many alumni who remained friends with him over the years," Kelley said. "I know he will be sorely missed by them as well as by his colleagues here on campus."



## Annual CLUFest of arts held

By Nicole Nathanson

STAFF WRITER

CLUFest 2007 gives multimedia students the opportunity to display accomplished art works.

In its sixth year at California Lutheran University, the event enables multimedia students and other CLU students to enter print and media work with a total of seven categories.

Tim Hengst, the Dean of the College Arts and Sciences instituted CLUFest.

"The purpose of the showcase was to display different abilities and strong points of the Multimedia Department and other current CLU students."

Jessica Amzoll

"Tim Hengst is the brainchild behind CLUFest," said Barry Burns, multimedia professor.

The submission categories include digital illustration, digital photography, web design, live action movies, print design single page, print design multi-page and environmental graphics and packaging.

Approximately 200 pieces were submitted to this year's

CLUFest.

For each specific category a first, second and third prize was awarded along with two runners ups.

The Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Media Culture is the home of this year's CLUFest 2007.

Jessica Amzoll, Departmental Assistant and Dan Restuccio, multimedia professor, were the driving force behind CLUFest 2007.

Amzoll and Restuccio went to various multimedia classes asking for submissions for each of the seven categories.

Once the multimedia pieces were submitted, they were then uploaded to a Web site where they were judged.

Some of the judges include: leadership speaker Frank Maguire, a former regent, and visual and effects professor Jeremy Oddo and Chris Bailey.

To make it as professional as possible judges modeled criteria after the Adobe Achievement award.

The criteria that judges adhered to for the print design single page category included: proper layout, ability to read text and that it was clear, but engaging. This category is more commercial based.

Junior Erik Kerr, a multimedia major, took first, second, and third place for the environmental graphics and packaging category.

His first place design was a logo design for skis, while his second and third graphics were

designed as logos for hooded sweatshirts and T-shirts.

Students submitted a variety of pieces that were either done as an assignment for a class or for portfolio purposes.

"These were graphics I submitted personally," Kerr said.

He also prevailed with first and second winnings in the interactive and Web site design category.

Also, Kerr snagged a third place prize in the print design multimedia page.

Other first place category winners include: Joseph Lang's digital illustration of a statue self-portrait, Brett Bays' "Besides the Tevere" digital photography piece, Andrew Lahey's "Writer's Block" live action video, Kari Watlan's T.O. 24 multi-page design and Joey Lang's "Lorilux The Winged Dragon" print design single page.

"The purpose of the showcase was to display different abilities and strong points of the Multimedia Department and

other current CLU students," senior Jessica Amzoll said.

The top three places of this year's CLUFest will be displayed in the Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Media Culture through April 23.

Along with the winning print pieces, the Web design and live action movies will be available to view in the Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Media Culture.

For more information on CLUFest 2007 contact Restuccio or Burns.



Photograph by Justin Campbell

Digital photos that won first, second and third place in the category. In first place, Brett Bays and in second place and third place Kari Watland.

## Workshop helps students and alumni

By Chad Dunavani

STAFF WRITER

Cynthia Lewis, director of Career Services, demonstrated and taught California Lutheran University students and alumni hints and tips about interviewing for a job after college life.

"I hoped to gain a better understanding of what exactly the interview process is like so that I could better prepare myself for the interview," senior Meredith Nelson said.

On April 12 in the Nelson room, students and alumni reviewed the top questions that are most likely to be heard at an interview and how to respond.

"This is an interactive workshop that prepares you for interviewing with employers. Topics will include traditional and behavioral questions and how to handle panel interviews," said Cynthia Smith, the recruitment coordinator and counselor of Career Services. "Do not let tough questions throw you off, preparing and knowing how to

sell your skills will be discussed. We will also cover portfolios, how to close the interview and thank you letters."

This is not the only workshop related to gaining an edge after college.

Several other workshops will be held throughout the rest of the semester.

This week, Lewis will be presenting the "What can I do with this Major? workshop." This workshop will cover 30 different various careers for each CLU major.

The workshop will also give an overview on how to get into these various careers.

On April 25, a "Salary Negotiations" workshop will be held in the Nelson room.

This workshop will include how to give your employer a salary range, salary history and compensation such as benefits, stock options and time off.

Each of the upcoming workshops can prove to be a vital asset to any college senior who is

about to enter the work force.

"I found this particular workshop very helpful," Nelson said.

These workshops last about an hour to an hour and a half each. During which students will be exposed to many interesting facts and ideas which could help you in life after college.

"Some interesting information I found was a review of questions and the different types of questions that the interviewers will likely ask. We also learned the reasons the interviewers ask the questions and I found that very helpful," Nelson said. "We went over a few handouts and packets that reviewed commonly-asked questions and examples of answers and for the majority of the workshop we were able to practice answering interview questions out loud and than we were critiqued."

Snacks and beverages are also available at these workshops.

If you have any questions regarding these workshops or if you are interested in attending, contact Cynthia Smith at csmith@clunet.edu or Cynthia Lewis at clewis@clunet.edu.

Contact either director of Career Services before attending

so that you can be placed on the sign-up list.

The phone number for the Career Services Center is (805) 493-3200.

### Concert!!

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## Graduation speaker finalists chosen

By Christina Duggan

STAFF WRITER

The top three finalists have been chosen for the California Lutheran University 2007 undergraduate graduation ceremony student commencement speech.

"It is a summation of highlights and events," said Colter Fleming, 2006 alumnus, "while tying together feelings of the day from an individual who is on the same playing field as the graduates."

In recent weeks, the Faculty Student Life Committee has narrowed down the finalists from seven to three.

Katie Crosbie, Autumn Malloy and Marisa Santelli have been chosen to possibly represent the class of 2007 as student commencement speaker.

"Longtime tradition has it that a student should represent the class and speak to the accomplishments of a job well-done," said Blas Garza, committee member judge.

Senior-standing students were e-mailed about the opportunity to write a commencement speech for this year's graduation.

The minimal turnout of applications was due to the narrow time frame given to write and submit a speech.

Speeches that were submitted were put through two stages. First, the original seven were reviewed by the committee and judged on overall written qualities, including structure, grammar, context and flow.

"We were looking for a link of student effort and CLU effectiveness in instilling and promoting a sound education, launching the students into the roll of adult peers," Garza said.

Once narrowed down, the final three were asked to make an oral presentation of their speech to the committee. Here the judges were looking for the presentation aspect of the speech.

Finalists were judged on the quality of their delivery and how they established a relationship with their audience.

"The tough part was in selecting those that were so exceptional and creative as to be invited for the oral presentation," Garza said.

Student commencement speeches go back into CLU's graduation history.

One student was selected to

a give a speech that would summarize their time at CLU and discuss topics that were relevant to the graduates.

The goal of the commencement speaker was to represent the graduating class and send the message of the class to the audience.

In 2006, Alex Mallen, communication major, resident assistant and Regal basketball player, was selected to be the student commencement speaker for her class' ceremony.

Her speech included the criteria of her time at CLU, anecdotes and an inspirational message for the future.

"Speaking from her heart, she seemed to touch on life in and out of CLU," Fleming said. "Most importantly [she] connected with

the graduating class and her audience."

Common themes of the finalist speeches are similar to Mallen's. Four years of growth, thanks to particular professors, family and staff and going out of CLU with motivation to do well.

"I think it would be a great thing," senior Jordin Marousis said, "to have someone who's graduating reflect on their time here or the future for us graduates."

The student commencement speech will be given by one of the final three on May 12 during the graduation ceremony of the class of 2007.

"While it is the university who is bestowing the degree," Garza said. "It is the students who have earned it."

## Meeting introduces travel to India prep-course

By Clair Tenney

STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University hosted an informational meeting on the upcoming seminar for students who will travel to India. The meeting was organized by Lisa Loberg, Study Abroad director.

Professors Dr. Paul Hanson and Dr. Druann Pagliassotti will co-teach a preparatory class during fall 2007. Followed by three weeks in India from Dec. 29 to Jan. 21, and finishing with a spring 2008 class when students will complete their field research.

Students who are interested in participating in the trip must register for the upcoming fall semester and complete an application, essay and possible interview.

Only 18 students will be accepted.

"This is a trip for students who want to have an educational experience, it is not relaxing on the beach," Hanson said.

The fall 2007 course will be offered for two credits and satisfy the global perspective requirement.

The semester will be spent preparing for the trip, students will be exposed to key cultures and choose the area in which they want to conduct their study.

Field research will be done in India with completion of the study as well as oral and written presentations, in the spring semester.

The spring semester course will also be offered for 2 credits and will count for history or communication credits.

"By doing preparations ahead of time, it lessens the culture shock and makes adjustments

easier," Hanson said.

Hanson has traveled to India five or six times and says it is always a place he wants to go back to because there is always something new to discover.

"India is more different than any kind of place you can go on the planet," Hanson said. "The assumptions about normal life disappear."

During the informational meeting, Hanson shared slides from his previous trips.

He spoke to attendees about the tremendous differences in people, geography and topography in the states of India.

The vast majorities of the population dresses differently and have their own forms of dance, film and food.

Travelers will visit North and South India to see differences.

"You are getting more than a

one country tour," Hanson said.

He describes India as wall-to-wall people with something always going on around you.

His slides showed beggars, food stalls and places of worship.

"India will affect the way you see your own life and assumptions about life in general," Hanson said.

This will be Pagliassotti's first trip to India. She said it has always been a place she has wanted to travel.

While talking to students after the meeting, Pagliassotti said she was excited to experience the trip for the first time with students who were experiencing it for the first time as well.

"I really want to ride an elephant," she said.

CLU junior, Keri Buck, who recently traveled to Belize with

Dr. William Bilodeau for three weeks over winter break, is hoping to get involved with this trip as well.

Buck describes her trip to Belize as an amazing experience.

"It was inspiring to see the strength and kindness the Belizeans possessed despite their often dismal living conditions," she said. "I think India is the ultimate adventure and it would be amazing to explore and discover."

Another informational meeting will be held in the upcoming weeks for students who are interested in participating in the trip.

Hanson, Pagliassotti and the Study Abroad office can be reached for questions.

Students may also visit [www.callutheran.edu/india](http://www.callutheran.edu/india) for more information.

## Football program says 'goodbye' to head coach

By Chad Dunavani

STAFF WRITER

Many are optimistic of California Lutheran University's football team's future even after departure of head coach Scott Squires on March 30.

Former and current Kingsmen have high hopes for the football team's future.

Graduated and current players attended Squires' farewell.

He is the third head coach of CLU football team in school history.

Squires had been the head coach for 11 seasons before accepting a job in the pro Canadian Football League as the special teams coach for the Edmonton Eskimos.

"I know the team will miss

him very much, but we do know that we have a lot of work to do with the transition to a new head coach," junior Danny Jones said. "I have been through a few different head coaches, but I know that the change of head coach brings a lot more challenges to the table."

He plays quarterback for the Kingsmen.

Last season, he passed for 2,100 yards, threw 21 touchdown passes, and rushed for 400 yards with seven rushing touchdowns, while only throwing seven interceptions.

It has been 35 years since the last time the CLU's football team won the national championship.

"I am hopeful for the future of our ball team," said Ron Kragthorpe, former dean of

students at California Lutheran University from 1972-93. "I was here the year after we won the national championship and it would be wonderful to have that feeling around [California Lutheran University] here again."

Kragthorpe's successor is William Rosser.

During the farewell celebration, there was a wide assortment of food and beverages for the crowd to enjoy.

"We have heard of some potential candidates but nothing for sure yet," said the late Fred Bowman, former head of the speech department from 1968-89. "It is sad to see Scott [Squires] leave our program here, but we hope to have the same caliber coach here next year."

[This quote was taken before the assigning of new coach.]

"I know the team will miss him very much, but we do know that we have a lot of work to do with the transition to a new head coach."

Danny Jones

Squires talked with current players and previous players as he made his final good-byes to the CLU football team.

"I remember when the football team won the National Championship back in the Fall of 1971 and that was surely a great time for our football program," Bowman said.

Squires leaves quite a legacy with a win loss record of 55 to 44 in his past 11 seasons and an impressive 20-7 during the past three seasons.

"We will miss him, but we know that he has important life decisions to make and we know he did what was best for him and his family," Jones said. "He recruited me three and a half years ago and I have spend a lot of time in his office watching film with him and stuff so yeah it will be hard getting used to the new leader of our football team."



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<b>WEDNESDAY</b> April 18	<b>THURSDAY</b> April 19	<b>FRIDAY</b> April 20	<b>SATURDAY</b> April 21
<b>Chapel Service</b> Samuelson Chapel, 10:10 a.m.  <b>Women's Water Polo vs. Pomona-Pitzer</b> Samuelson Pool, 5 p.m.  <b>Career Services Workshop:</b> "What Can I Do with this Major?" Roth Nelson Room, 5:30 p.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Tae Bo, 5 p.m. Martial Arts/Self Defense, 6 p.m. Cardio Hip-Hop, 7 p.m.	<b>Books &amp; Brew: "God's Politics"</b> Gibello Field, 1 p.m.  <b>GradQuest Informational Meeting for Accelerated Evening Programs</b> Oxnard Graduate Center, 6 p.m.  <b>PERKINS LOAN EXIT COUSLING AVAILABLE</b> Alumni 112, 3 p.m., 4 p.m. & 5 p.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Yoga, 5 p.m. Kickboxing, 6 p.m.	<b>Men's Tennis vs. SCIAC Championships</b> Ullman Stadium, 2:30 p.m.          <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Yoga, 5 p.m. Pilates, 6 p.m.	<b>EARTH/ARBOR DAY!</b>  <b>Scandinavian Festival</b> Kingsmen Park, April 21 & 22  <b>Baseball vs. La Verne (2)</b> Ullman Stadium, 11 a.m.  <b>League Sports:</b> Paintball U.S.A., Simi Valley (\$40) Tierra Rejada Road, 9 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b> April 22	<b>MONDAY</b> April 23	<b>TUESDAY</b> April 24	<b>NEXT WEEK</b> <b>SNEAK PEEK...</b>
<b>Lord of Life Worship Service</b> Samuelson Chapel, 6:15 p.m.  <b>League Sports:</b> Co-ed Basketball Gilbert Sports Center, 5 p.m.	<b>LAST DAY OF CLUFEST 2007 SIXTH ANNUAL MEDIA AWARDS FESTIVAL</b>  <b>Deborah Sills Inaugural Memorial Lecture</b> Samuelson Chapel, 10 a.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</b> Tae Bo, 5 p.m. Self Defense, 6 p.m. Cardio Hip Hop, 7 p.m.	<b>Career Services: "Resume Writing"</b> Roth Nelson Room, 12 p.m.          <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Pilates, 6 p.m.	<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS</b> "Club LUau" April 27  <b>DO NOT FORGET</b> <b>Holocaust</b> <b>Remembrance Service</b> April 25 in Samuelson Chapel 10:10 a.m.

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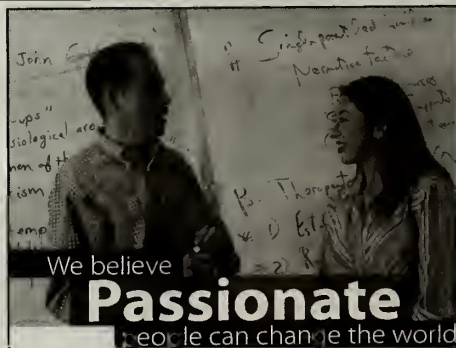
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## Counseling Services starts new program

### Affordable counseling by CLU is available to residents of Ventura County

By Aarika Lim

STAFF WRITER

Affordable counseling is now available for residents of Ventura County at California Lutheran University's Community Counseling Services Center. With most counseling services being provided by Marriage and Family Therapy graduate students, the center is able to institute affordable counseling for the community.

Marriage and Family Therapy graduate students who have completed 18 units and have taken a law and ethics course can apply to do a 52-week practicum at the center, during which they have to accumulate 150 hours of face-to-face service with patients.

"We have been at CLU since 1983 to offer treatment to the community," said Dr. Christopher Christian, director of the Community Counseling Services Center and assistant professor of psychology. "Our mission is to reach out to the

underserved and provide quality, affordable treatment."

Prices to the community are on a sliding scale, depending upon family size and income. Having graduate students provide treatment enables the center to charge a reduced fee, as low as \$20 per session.

Kelly Sloane, a graduate student at CLU pursuing a master's degree in counseling psychology with an emphasis in marital and family therapy, has had the opportunity to work as a trainee in the Community Counseling Services Center and will be starting the last of three semesters of practicum training over the summer.

"I think it's great that CLU offers such a service because finding an affordable mental health clinic in the area is difficult to find," she said. "This service helps people in the community tremendously, especially for those who do not have insurance."

Approximately 80 percent

of the Marriage and Family Therapy graduate students do their mandatory practicum at the CLU Community Counseling Services Center. This year, 21 trainees are working at the center.

A wide variety of services are offered through the Community Counseling Services Center. Some of the services offered include psychotherapy, individual, couples, family and group counseling, help with addictions, eating problems and parenting issues.

"We had a very successful father's group where fathers brought their infants and they talked about their philosophies of fatherhood," Christian said.

Since moving to their new location at 3259 Pioneer Ave., the center has initiated a large marketing campaign to increase awareness of the center and the services that they offer to the surrounding community.

"We have had newspaper ads, public service announcements

on public access channels, I've done radio interviews and we have sent letters to local schools to let them know what we offer," Christian said. "As a consequence, we have seen about a 50 percent increase in calls that the center receives," he said.

Trainees have also seen an increase in the number of clients they see each week. Prior to the marketing push, trainees often saw four to five clients a week. Now, the Marriage and Family Therapist graduate students in their practicum see as many as 10 clients a week.

"The increase in clients helps us [trainees] become better at our intended profession," Sloane said.

While marketing efforts have increased to keep the community up-to-date and well-informed of the services offered at the Community Counseling Services Center, undergraduate awareness of the center is minimal, despite there being a majority of applicants for the Marriage

and Family Therapy graduate program who attended CLU for their undergraduate studies.

"It is great that they offer these services to the public, but I had no idea that they were here or that graduate students have the opportunity to work in the center as a trainee," said Wes Sullivan, a senior psychology minor. "Making students, especially seniors who will soon be community members, aware of the center and what they offer is important too."

Despite the levels of undergraduate awareness of the center, interest from potential graduate students, as well as community members, has continued to grow.

"The program has had a steady influx of clients at night, but now we are seeing many more clients during the day than we used to," Christian said. "We want to make this a vital center for the community and a place that is one the map."

## CLU and T.O. community celebrate Arbor Day

By Amy Vogi

STAFF WRITER

The city of Thousand Oaks hopes to spread environmental awareness throughout the community at the 10th annual Arbor/Earth Day. The event will have something for everyone with crafts for kids, food, entertainment and eco-friendly vendors.

"We combined Arbor and Earth Day into one big festival," said Jana Covell, librarian in Thousand Oaks and chair of the Arbor/Earth Day committee. It will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Conejo Creek Park, which is located directly behind the Thousand Oaks Library.

Every fall, the Arbor/Earth Day committee holds a contest to choose the design of the annual poster to advertise the day. The poster is distributed throughout Thousand Oaks and the surrounding area making it a great opportunity and honor for any artist to get work printed and out into the public eye. Past winners from CLU are Mark Jordan and Malia Kim. This year, the winning design was created by CLU student Lena Dumont.

"I cannot tell you how excited I was to create a poster promoting an issue I care so deeply about," she said. "Being able to promote environmental awareness through art, which has always been a passion of mine, seemed like the perfect opportunity."

Dumont created the poster using Photoshop in Barry Burns'

design class. In fact, the past three year's students from Barry Burns's design class have created the chosen posters.

"Burns, has been very helpful and contributed greatly towards my progress with graphic art," she said.

It is a great way for CLU students to become involved in the community, Burns said, adding that committee members now look to his classes to create a poster that will capture Arbor/Earth Day.

"Arbor/Earth day is about educating the community and promoting the use of natural resources," said Gary Mosser, assistant analyst for the city of Thousand Oaks.

"Arbor/Earth Day has become so popular that vendors contact us to be a part of it," Mosser said. Last year, there were more than

100 vendors and Arbor/Earth Day attracted 5,000 visitors.

The vendors bring everything from organic soaps to exhibits on alternative fuel vehicles.

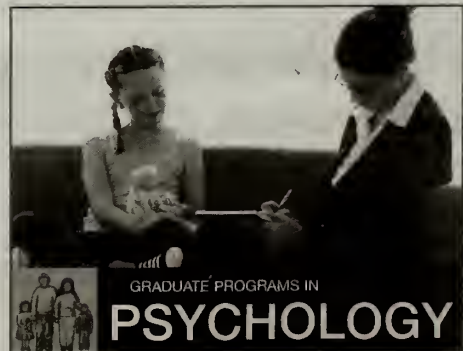
"I will bring purses, totes, clutches and wallets made from recycled denim," said Daniell Gill, creator of Wonderful Day Designs. She takes worn-out clothing and recycles it to create unique handbags. Gill is excited to have this opportunity to show people that recycling is not limited to cans and cardboard and as a first-time vendor at Arbor/Earth Day, she hopes that it will help promote her business and get her name out into the general public.

"I would like to market more of my recycled handbags and this event provides the perfect outlet," she said.

Performers such as the Earthcapades Environmental

Vaudeville, who use music and magic to show the benefits of recycling and water conserva-

tion, will entertain Arbor/Earth Day spectators. The Coveralls, a local band, will also be perform-



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## Choi forms church plant

### Former CLU student helps spread passion for life and God to West L.A.

By Stefanie Lucas

STAFF WRITER

Alumnus Abe Choi has a passion for people, and helping them seek the love of God. He recently moved to the Santa Monica area to help start up a church plant in the West Los Angeles area. The church plant, Shoreline Church, is an offspring of Simi Valley's popular Cornerstone Church.

According to its Web site, Shoreline Church's mission statement is to present everyone in west Los Angeles with a full and accurate picture of God and man, with the goal that this picture of who He is, and who we are, will radically transform lives.

Choi, originally from Van Nuys, believes this mission, and wholeheartedly works to follow and share the word of God.

"My true passion is to be a man after God's own heart," he said.

He follows this passion in his everyday life. As a 2003 California Lutheran University graduate, he was an example to his peers and stood out as a leader on campus.

"I became a better leader because of my involvements at

CLU," Choi said.

He was a student leader for "Jesus is Freedom," a member of ASCLU, involved with intramurals, and was always a part of orientation. In his time at CLU, he was a peer adviser and a new student orientation coordinator.

"My favorite memories definitely include all four years that I participated in new student orientation," Choi said.

He received hands-on experience as the marketing intern for Student Life. His role was to create any promotional or marketing pieces for the office and the development and maintenance of the Student Life Web site, he said.

Choi, a lower 400s resident of Mt. Clef his freshmen year, knew that CLU was the place for him when he walked on campus. His decision was confirmed when he received a better financial aid package from CLU than any other university.

He understands the value of a CLU education, and warns students to be careful of their finances while in college.

"Create a budget even with the little money you may or may

not have," Choi said. "Outside of student loans, you do not want to graduate with credit card debt. It is crazy the [amount of] money you can throw away on just interest alone."

Always looking toward the future, it has been his dream to work for the front office of the Los Angeles Dodgers. With his ambition and drive, he just may own the Dodgers one day. He credits CLU with helping him gain this type of ambition, and grow both academically and spiritually.

"CLU helped me step out of my comfort zone," he said. "Get involved [on campus] because it is not always just about your 'classroom' experience."

Even with all of his campus involvements, Choi was a good student. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business and an emphasis in economics and marketing. After graduation, he worked in the corporate office of Princess Cruises in Santa Clarita.

Choi is working as a purchasing analyst for the corporate office of The Cheesecake Factory. He lives in the Santa Monica area with friends.

## Campus Quotes

### If you could travel back in time to any era, which would it be and why?

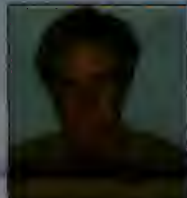


Steven Page, 2007

"The time of the Roman Empire so I can be a Spartan."

Andy Treloar, 2007

"The '80s. If you saw Luv Pump at Play for Pay, you'd know why."



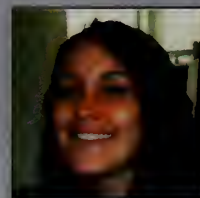
Jessica Schroeder, 2009

"I would go back to the '90s when I was a kid and had no responsibility."



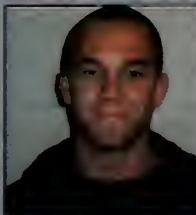
Megan Motley, 2007

"The 1800s. I'd get to wear huge dresses."



Quinten Beckmann, 2008

"I'd go back to when the cowboys were around. I want to ride horses and shoot guns in public."



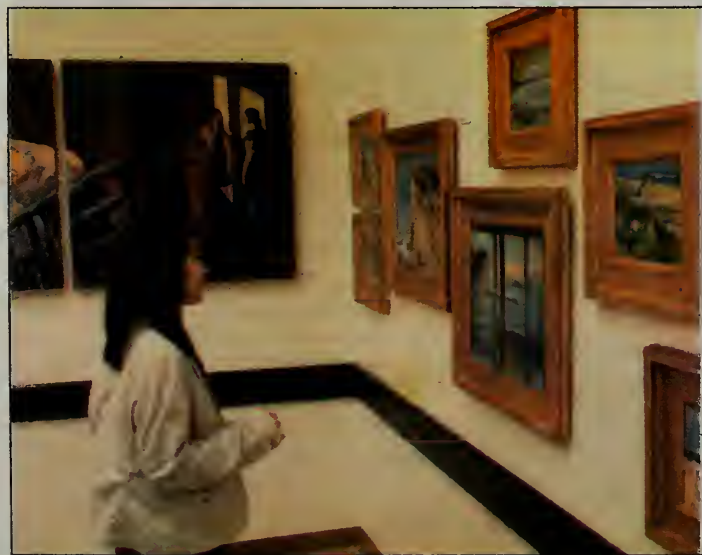
Mandy Howard, 2008

"The '60s, so I can protest and smoke pot."



## Final projects are exhibited

### Three students' final capstone projects are being displayed now in Overton Hall



Dana Kajawa steps away from her own work to observe a co-artist's sea-scape by Rich Brimer at the senior exhibit now in Overton Hall.



## Wise and friends start new club Officers of Crayola, the new diversity club, are excited to start spreading tolerance through awareness

By Ariel Collins  
STAFF WRITER

Diversity among the students at California Lutheran University is being promoted and embraced through a new student organization on campus. The organization, Crayola, holds open meetings on campus and invites all students and faculty to attend.

The organization allows representation of everybody. It is not only based on racial colors, and there is no judging of opinions. The focus of the group is to enhance the college community and give every group the opportunity to be heard.

The goal of Crayola is found in its mission statement. Junior J.R. Wise, president of Crayola, wanted to make sure that all of his executive cabinet had a part in the making of the mission statement.

With everyone's ideas, the mission statement says, Crayola "advocates and embraces diversity," and is shown in a "demonstration of the unity of persons rather than the conformity of peoples."

The name Crayola is derived

from the idea of a crayon box: All of the many colors make up one box. Wise had brainstormed a few different names and Crayola emerged.

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### Crayola Mission Statement

However, even though it was originally meant as sarcasm, the name stuck and seemed to fit the organization's concept well.

"By using a fun name, an interactive name, we are able to break through any barriers that have separated us," Wise said.

Before its first open meeting, Wise scheduled a few meetings with the executive

officers to ensure that everything was in order. Leon Townsend, junior vice president, Christine Higuera-Street, senior secretary, and Jennie Metzgar, junior treasurer, were all present.

Wise specifically picked his executive cabinet according to their gender, race, personality and cultures.

Wise also approached faculty member Michael Graham about the idea of the organization when it first came about. Graham, who is now the faculty adviser of Crayola, felt honored and has been enthusiastic about the organization from day one.

"The idea is so simple; I am surprised that nobody ever thought of this before," Graham said. "The simplest things often become the most profound."

Crayola meetings are held every Wednesday from 3:15-5:15 p.m. on campus. The meetings send an open invitation to all students and faculty members at CLU.

The organization aims specifically to get faculty involved so that the awareness of diversity goes beyond the student body.

According to Wise, reaching

out to the faculty has been very successful and Graham is not the only faculty member that attends the organization's meetings. Each time, there are a growing number of faculty members that

month of April.

One way Crayola is using "Culture Shock" in order to raise awareness of the culture found in CLU is through art. It will use artistic elements such as paintings, music and foods to represent cultures.

"Art is something that breaks down culture," Wise said. "Japanese art is admired and loved by many Americans. We are showing people through art that we are all the same."

The biggest hardship for the organization so far has been raising money and receiving funds in order to allow events, such as "Culture Shock."

The organization was not able to receive as much money from Residence Life because it was founded in such a short amount of time.

Wise hopes to be able to raise enough money so that Crayola can reach out to the surrounding communities of CLU as well. His hopes are to do community service at the Boys and Girls Club and to create a scholarship fund for students that will be merit-based and need-based, not only based on a single culture.

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attend, Wise said.

"Crayola promotes what the '60s represented," Graham said. "It's appealing to me."

In an effort to largely appeal to all of CLU's college community, Crayola is planning an event called "Culture Shock." The plan is to shock the school with culture. The date and the location are still being determined for the

## ASCLU reinvents the luau tradition New Club LUau event is set to take place at beach, at Sycamore Canyon on PCH at the end of April

By Aarika Lim  
STAFF WRITER

Cancel those plane tickets, Hawaii is coming to California Lutheran University. On April 27, the ASCLU Programs Board will host Club LUau: a Hawaiian Luau, Bonfire and Party. The event will mark the first time that the luau has taken place off-campus, at Sycamore Canyon, on the Pacific Coast Highway.

"The main reason we chose to have it off-campus was to acquire the traditional luau feel, bring this to the

the Club LUau since the beginning of the semester.

"Having the luau be a Club LU event was one of the ideas proposed at the programs board brainstorming session at the beginning of the school year," Lindholm said. "It was [sophomore] Candice Cerro's idea, but she is studying abroad in Washington, D.C. this semester, so she has been contributing ideas from there."

The Club LUau event will include hula hoops, kite flying, frisbee and volleyball. The committee hopes to have

is going to be huge," Lindholm said. "We have a hula company with five Polynesian dancers coming with live music and we will hopefully have fire and knife dancing too, as long as it is allowed on the beach."

"You get a free ride, free food and it's at the beach. It can't get much better than that."

Dan Loghry

bus will take place in the Student Union Building on a first come, first served basis. The Programs Board will order a second bus if needed.

"I think the best thing about the event is the free transportation there and back," said Dan Loghry junior committee member. "You get a free ride, free food and it's at the beach. It can't get much better than that."

The first 150 people who attend Club LUau will receive a free shirt. The shirts, designed by freshman artist, will have silhouettes of the beach and will be available at the event.

more time to enjoy beach activities before the sunset. Students are also encouraged to attend the Club LUau in festive Hawaiian attire.

"Dressing in Hawaiian attire is completely optional," Erickson said, "although, I will be dressed for the occasion."

The committee had been informed from alumni that, in the past, students used to vote on a Hawaiian prince and princess for the luau. In an attempt to revive this tradition, the



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## Hypocrisy evident in nation's capitol



By Emily Melander  
COLUMNIST

Once again hypocrisy is flying high with the politicians in Washington. A close aide to Senator Jim Webb, D-Virginia, was arrested and jailed last Monday after he attempted to take a loaded handgun into a Senate office building.

The aide was identified by Mr. Webb's office as Philip Thompson, 45. A spokeswoman for the United States Capitol Police said that Thompson had a semi-automatic, 9-millimeter pistol and two magazines in his bag when he attempted to enter the Russell Senate Office Building. The gun and magazines were discovered after he put his bag through the X-ray machine.

Thompson faces felony charges of carrying a pistol without a license and possessing an unregistered firearm and unregistered ammunition.

According to NYTimes.com, a congressional official said that the aide told authorities that Mr. Webb had given him the pistol while being dropped off at the airport, and that he had inadvertently taken the weapon to the capitol complex with him.

Personally, I know that if someone gave me a loaded pistol and two magazines, at an airport no less, I would be unlikely to forget that I had put them in my bag. Further, assuming the aide contained half a brain in his underpaid head, one would have to believe that he had at least some recollection of the 30-year ban on private gun ownership in Washington D.C. or, at the very least, understand that it would be a poor choice to take a loaded weapon into an office building, governmental or not.

I must say though, this was a great day for Democrats around the country. For years they have been pegged as the girly men on the block, just looking to feed some homeless and stay out of harm's way. Lucky for them, a Democrat got caught bringing a pistol to work. Better yet: a loaded pistol. Still better: a

“That which has always been accepted by everyone, everywhere, is almost always certainly false.”

—Paul Valery (1871 - 1945)

loaded pistol with extra ammo for good measure! The only way to appear tougher would be to shoot your friend in the face and then call it an accident. Now that is a paramount example of manliness.

All joking aside, the liberals were the party responsible for writing the law banning private gun ownership in Washington D.C., claiming that the second amendment was not an individual right, but a “collective one.” They then expect to sashay into a government building while packing heat and not be punished. Interesting.

Further, I wonder at what point Jim Webb decided that he was above federal law. It is because of his egotism and disregard for the law that his aide is now facing felony charges. Why is it acceptable that laws like this one only apply to the

common folk? Does Webb really believe that the peons of D.C. are not entitled to the same right of self protection that he seems to be?

Lucky for the residents of D.C., the U.S. Court of Appeals recently overturned the liberal gun ban. Unfortunately for Webb's aide, however, it is still in effect while the liberals feverishly appeal the decision to restore second amendment rights to the lowly common people.

It all comes down to a single question: Will Jim Webb make the choice to stand up for the rights of everyday Americans who want to own, carry and conceal weapons, as he himself has chosen to do, or will he allow himself to fall victim to the liberal hypocrisy of party lines and assumed Democratic agendas?

## Sex in the media is becoming the norm

By Clair Tenney  
STAFF WRITER

Sex is sweeping the nation by storm. Whether you are watching television, flipping through a magazine or at the movies, you are bound to see an image that projects sex.

Provocative images, especially of women's partially-clothed or naked bodies, are very prevalent in advertising. Such magazines as Cosmopolitan, Elle and Playboy seem to project a single version of women sexuality - that women should primarily concern themselves with attracting and

sexually satisfying men.

Popular television shows such as “Sex and the City,” “Friends” and “Desperate Housewives” show their characters jumping in and out of bed with just about anyone. They have portrayed casual sex as okay and normal.

It is the sexual content in the media that is swaying society's perceptions on sexual attitudes, relationships and stereotypes. Furthermore, television has an influence on teen sexual activity, virginity and reality.

From daytime soap operas to primetime comedies and dramas, television presents countless

verbal and visual examples of how dating, intimacy, sex and relationships are handled. Studies have shown that adults who watch high levels of sexual content on television are more likely to divorce, have a greater number of sexual partners and correlate with expectations about sex for males and females.

Dale Kunkel conducted a study in 2005 and found that in adolescents, viewing a high volume of sexual content relates to initiation of intercourse and other advanced sexual activities. In addition, for youths viewing sex, television influences beliefs about normal sexual patterns and practices, attitudes towards casual sex and can create skewed views about how sexual relationships are obtained.

The social learning theory

posits that information is gleaned from what others say about a behavior as well as what they do, because both indicate social approval or disapproval of the activity in question. Whether the television show is portraying characters talking about sex or performing sex, it affects perceived norms and sexual behavior.

Sexual content is often gender specific, such as in the case of advertising. In our society sex is not just sex. Instead, a sexual double standard prevails in which sexual dictated norms, attitudes and behaviors vary greatly by gender. An example of this includes the stereotypes that women should be more passive and the male should be more aggressive. Women are expected to be sexually attractive, but not

too sexually active or assertive.

Kunkel performed a study in which he examined college students' sexual behavior and their media viewing habits. The study found that males with more exposure to sexual content through the media expected a broader range of sexual activities with their partners, whereas females expected sex to occur earlier within a relationship.

Male college students are more likely to hold the opinion that sex without emotional commitment is okay and that pleasure is vital to any sexual relationship. Women are especially receptive to messages about sexual timing and are shown to be in control when sex will occur in a relationship.

As casual sex becomes more common in the media, it parallels with casual sex becoming more common in our society. What the media does not portray are the negative outcomes that sex may cause. Sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, abortions, rape and abusive sexual relationships are just some of the realities that the media chooses not to portray. With the divorce rate in our country climbing and extramarital affairs becoming more common, the media might be having a significant influence. If these studies and theories are correct, and television and the media portrayals of relationships and sex do in fact influence the real world's attitudes and behaviors, will the media ruin the real world?

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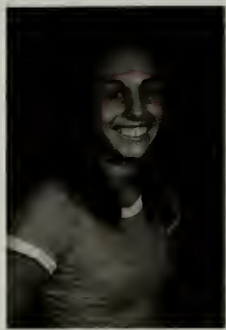
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## Life in the public eye has changed



By Natasha Terry

COLUMNIST

Our personal lives are something that we as individuals like to keep to ourselves and out of the public eye. However, not all people have the same luxury as you and I when it comes to information we would rather not disclose to the world.

Those who are in the public eye include celebrities and people in government offices.

With the coming presidential elections next year, there has been a lot of information disclosed about people running for and holding government positions. People like former Sen. John Edwards and presidential spokesman Tony Snow have disclosed private information within the past month that we as individuals would not normally disclose. The information has been released because they are closely watched by the public as a result of their professions.

Edwards released that his wife Elizabeth has had a recurrence of cancer. Elizabeth Edwards has fought breast cancer in the past and now the cancer has spread to her bone. The White House announced that Snow's colon cancer has returned and has spread to his

liver. The disclosure of this information cannot be avoided when you are in the public eye.

In the past, information such as Snow's and Edwards' wife's cancer would not have been disclosed and broadcast to the nation by the media. In the years leading up to the late John F. Kennedy's presidency, the public did not know that he had a stream of health problems. In fact, Kennedy made sure to hide his conditions from the public eye in order to have a chance at getting elected and not allow his health to hinder his chances at the presidency.

Kennedy was afraid that if the public knew about his health conditions they would not gamble and elect him president. In the eyes of many people they were already taking a gamble on voting for Kennedy because he was Catholic. Many people felt that he was the first step in

the pope taking over the United States. It was crazy, but people thought it could happen. It may not be right, but that is just the way the public works.

Today, people who are constantly in the public eye are not as lucky as Kennedy when it comes to keeping their private lives private. However, you almost have to wonder if people have this information released in an attempt to get the public's sympathy. It might seem like an attempt to appeal to the public in hopes that they will vote for him or her or at least feel sorry.

However, you can also see the other side of disclosing information. If it is something like cancer, which may take a person away from their daily duties, people need to know about it. People have a right to know why someone in the government is absent from carrying out their normal duties.

It seems that people today are put under a microscope and they cannot escape it. However, people like Edwards and Snow chose government professions and with that profession comes the microscope.

They are aware they probably will not have the ability to keep their personal information private. It is something that comes with the territory, but it is a shame that it has come to the level it is at today when every little thing someone does is criticized by the media and the public.

It is a shame we cannot go back to looking at people the way we did when Kennedy was in the public eye. I don't think the public needs to know every little thing about everyone, but that is the type of society we live in today. Everyone knows everything about everyone.

## Tipping: More than just a Chinese city

By Alex Candia

COLUMNIST

This is a small lesson, or refresher course for some, in the fine art of tipping. Gratuity is something given to servers, more commonly known as waiters and waitresses, to compensate for the level of quality service given during a meal or drink. Normally, in America, it is almost expected to tip 15-20 percent in restaurant or bar situations.

Obviously, these rules do not always apply to every restaurant. McDonald's, In-n-Out and other fast food restaurants are usually excluded. If the service is good, then tipping the server should be on the higher end of the scale.

Another reason why tipping should be on the higher side is if the meal or drink is less than \$20. It is in poor form to tip in only change. If you have a \$10 roll of quarters, it will be accepted but almost certainly frowned upon.

Tipping on the lower end of the scale requires a few inadequacies in service. If the server does not remember the order, or completely mixes it up, or is seen sitting around and not delivering food and drinks in an appropriate time frame, then 15 percent is enough, or sometimes more than enough.

Usually, a good measure of time is three to five minutes for drinks, 10 to 15 minutes for appetizers, and 15 to 25 minutes

for entrees. Keep in mind that, most of the time the server does not have anything to do with the preparation of the food so if the food sucks, try not to blame the server, unless the server forgets to bring the crappy food out fast enough. Don't shoot the messenger.

Tipping less than 15 percent is a big drawback for servers because they only make minimum wage. In some states there is an even lesser minimum wage for tipped positions. In Illinois, minimum wage for a tipped position is only \$4.15 an hour. Some servers are supporting entire families on their salary.

In Quentin Tarantino's film, "Reservoir Dogs," there is a

scene that properly explains the function of tipping. Steve Buscemi questions why he should pay someone for doing his or her job, and then is called a string of expletives for being so ignorant.

Some other notable things on the subject of tipping are auto-gratuity and tipping in different countries. Generally, most restaurants have an auto-gratuity policy for parties of six or more.

Also, on most major holidays, some restaurants have a service charge already included in the bill.

I recently came back from Baja Mexico and tipping down there is only ten percent. Different countries have different

etiquettes, so ask for information about tipping before traveling.

Easter night, a few of my friends went to a local restaurant and just wanted to get a meal and some drinks. We had some very bad service. Little tasks, which are easily accomplishable by a properly trained server, were completely overlooked.

We ordered late, sauces were forgotten, drinks were late and it did not leave us feeling satisfied.

So we accordingly tipped at the lower end of the scale. Keep in mind though, tipping is almost like a Karmatic experience. Sometimes it can ruin an evening or sometimes it can make your day.

In recent years, an outburst of ethical and moral scandals has been visible in our society. Corporate America, religious organizations, governmental agencies, national sports teams and several groups of our society have been exposed to outrageous immoral and unethical scandals involving its top leaders and public figures. Names such as Dennis Kozlowski, Tyco, Tom Delay, former U.S. congressman, Ted Haggard, former pastor at New Life Church, John and Timothy Rigas, Adelphia Corp., and Kenneth Lay, Enron, are just a few names on the long list of recent public moral and ethical scandals.

Now, is this increasing wave

of moral and ethical scandals in our American society something surprising? Or are these cases just indicators of our society's decadent moral and ethical principles and practices? Public figures involved in these scandals receive high levels of media attention. But a bigger question remains, what about the rest of us?

The normal and regular citizens living day in and day out in the normal context of a society - what do we really know about ethics? How much do we really care about ethics? And is it possible to learn about ethics and practice sound moral ethical behavior even though in many instances our society tells

us other ways? Perhaps we can only answer all these questions once we fully understand how much ethics are part of our lives, especially in our decision-making process.

Consequently, it is very important to recognize that our ethical responsibility is not only limited to the obvious decisions we confront, but in every decision we make where ambiguity is present. For some privileged people ethics is intrinsic to their persona. People with strong ethical and moral foundations are well-prepared to confront ambiguity and overcome obstacles related to ethical problems. For others, perhaps ethics is something still waiting to take higher priority in

their lives. Whatever the case is, one thing is for sure, ethics and sound moral behavior is without a doubt the most important asset to any person actively participating in any society.

It is very easy to fall into the impression that the consequences of immoral practices and unethical behavior can only affect public figures. But the truth is that consequences of unethical behavior will affect everyone involved in them. We need to understand the importance of all those thousands of actions and decisions taking place in our society every day. Actions and decisions that take place at our home, our job, our school and our relationships or in any

environment where we play a role. As we evolve in our educational, personal and professional life and get ready to peak in our careers, it is extremely important to understand and accept the fact that without a sound ethical and moral behavior, any value we can add to our persona or any triumph we achieve in a societal context becomes meaningless.

The next time you face an ethical dilemma or a decision where ambiguity is present, it does not matter how big or how small this is, remember, your reputation, your character and your future is in play.

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## Letters to the Editor



## Water Polo loses share of top spot



By Kevin Baxter

STAFF WRITER

While most students were relaxing during their spring break, the California Lutheran University women's water polo team was busy continuing its longest win streak of the season that reached six games until it was snapped by conference foe Redlands on Saturday.

During the streak, the team picked up four conference wins and a huge 10-8 come-from-behind win over NCAA Div. II member Sonoma State. The Regals trailed 8-4 with 2:10 remaining in the third quarter and turned up the defense, holding the Seawolves scoreless for the remainder of the game. They then scored six goals of their own to overcome the deficit. The Regals had lost to Sonoma twice at the beginning of the season in February.

"Beating Sonoma was probably one of the most exciting wins of the season," freshman Kaitlin Hobbs said. "It showed us how far we've come, and how much we've grown. It was an amazing feeling to know we could come out play our game and beat a Division II team."



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

**FULL EXTENSION — Junior Katie Windsor blocks a shot during a 10-8 win over Sonoma State. CLU held Sonoma State scoreless for over 10 minutes to complete the comeback win. The Regals have won 10 out of their last 11 contests.**

Marianne Paradowski provided the excitement in the Regals 12-8 win over Occidental on April 7. The junior driver netted seven of the teams' 12 goals to help lead CLU to the crucial conference win.

After five SCIAC games, the Regals sit in second place in the conference with a 4-1 record and are just a game back of 5-0

Pomona-Pitzer, who they host today at 5 p.m. at the Samuelson Aquatics Center.

"We need to have great practices to prepare ourselves for these games and be mentally and physically ready for their tough competition," freshman Ashley Bentz said.

On Saturday, the team will closeout the regular season with

their match at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. The Athenas are in third place and are just a game back of the Regals with a 3-2 record against conference teams.

"I think we're a great match for either team, but neither game is going to be easy to win," Hobbs said. "We're all some of the top teams in conference and we've all been working pretty hard."

I think all the work we've put into this season and the flow that we've been feeling will get us to where we need to be."

In their fourth season of existence, the Regals water polo team has now established themselves as one of the top competitors in the SCIAC and with one more conference win will match the most conference wins in the short history of the program.

Last season, it set a new high with five conference wins and a program best 11 wins overall that they have already surpassed this season with 14 overall wins in 2007.

"Our team is so versatile that we all bring different things to make us a well rounded team," freshman Joy Cyprian said. "We compliment each other well in and out of the pool. Most of us attribute it to the flow we have. Also our coaches know what they're doing and their workouts and guidance has really helped."

Cyprian, one of the heroes in the come from behind win over Sonoma State with the go ahead goal in the fourth quarter, said that the team needs to let go of Saturday's Redlands loss and keep their heads in the game to finish the regular season strong against Pomona and Claremont.

"If we play against them like we played against Sonoma and even Redlands then they don't stand a chance," Cyprian said.

## CLU golf team close on and off course



By Erika Itzarry

STAFF WRITER

As the men's golf team prepares for its final stretch of SCIAC play, it will mark the end of an era for five seniors. Christian Colunga, Tyler Doyle, Jarrett Hatfield, Kyle Labauch and Brian Stanley are a tight-knit group on and off the course.

This year, the five men have had the opportunity to travel across the country to play on some of the best courses the country has to offer. These courses include Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., the Spyglass Hill Golf Course at Pebble Beach and the Teravista Golf Club in Round Rock, Texas.

Colunga, who won the West Region Invitational at Round Rock, is an international business major. Colunga is originally from Chico and has been playing golf since he was 9 years old. He began competing at 11 and credits some of his success to being surrounded by golf at a young age.

"Chico is known for its strong golf community," Colunga said, "especially with junior players."

Colunga visited CLU when he in his senior year in high school. He was recruited by Coach Jeff Lindgren and then decided that the school would give him an opportunity for a "good combo" of school and golf.

He is a bit undecided what will happen after college life, however, he is hopeful to receive a year-long scholarship with Rotary International in Africa.

Doyle is a business administration major, with an emphasis in small business. He chose

CLU because he wanted to attend a small school and still be able to play golf.

"It just seemed like a good fit," Doyle said.

He has been playing golf since the age of .12 and still enjoys every minute on the course.

"For some reason," Doyle said, "the allure of unattainable perfection is what drew me into this sport. It's the greatest sport on the planet."

Doyle grew up in Northern California with Laubach and the two have been best friends for years.

"I've known him since I was 6 years old," Doyle said. "That was another attraction for [CLU] we could both go there and play together."

Laubach is getting his degree in English. He grew up surfing and playing baseball, but has been playing golf for about eight years. After college, Laubach plans to go back to Northern California and take over the family commercial roofing

company.

"Hopefully I will go back to school and get my masters," Laubach said. "I would also like to teach high school English."

Hatfield is from Kalispell, Mont. and decided to come to CLU because of the nice weather. Like Colunga, Hatfield has been playing golf since he was nine. Growing up Hatfield played soccer, baseball and basketball until one day he played golf with his dad.

"I just really enjoyed it and I just continued playing," Hatfield said.

The last member of the team is Brian Stanley, a math major who has been playing golf for 10 years. He chose to come to CLU because he liked the school and his parents are alumni. Stanley played basketball, baseball and soccer as a kid, but he gives credit to his father for getting him interested in golf.

"My dad plays golf. He is the man that really got me into playing," Stanley said.

Before the player's freshman

year, Lindgren had arranged a dinner for the new golfers that were to be joining the CLU community as well as the team.

"They were the first people I ever met," Colunga said.

It turns out these five men are more than just teammates, they are a very close group of friends that enjoy spare time together.

"All of us get along really well outside golf," Colunga said. "We actually party, do homework and virtually anything together. We have all basically gone through the best and worst that college has to throw at someone so we are a pretty tight unit."

The group is so close that four of them actually live together under one roof.

"We just kind of do whatever comes up," Hatfield said.

With only a few more matches left on the schedule, the men will soon have to say farewell to CLU. But the friendships they have made will last far longer than this season.



## Hansen takes two events at Pomona



By Kevin Baxler  
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Kyle Hansen impressed the crowd and the rest of the conference at the SCIAC Multi-Duals at Pomona College in Claremont on Saturday with first-place finishes in the 110-meter hurdle and 400-meter hurdle events.

Hansen ran the 110-meter hurdles in 15.21 seconds and the 400-meter hurdles in 54.58 seconds. As if he had not done enough already, he added to his day with a second place finish in the long jump after he jumped 6.73 meters.

"Kyle's an awesome competitor," said head track and field coach Scott Fickerson. "When the meet counts for the team he comes through for us. If it's a big meet he will step up and perform."

Ashley Fleming highlighted the women's side on Saturday with a first place in the hammer throw competition. Her toss of 46.31 meters was not



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**LONG JUMPING** — Sophomore Kyle Hansen competes in the long jump, where he finished in second place at the SCIAC Multi-Duals with a mark of 6.73 meters.

only good enough for first place, but also qualified as a provisional national qualifying mark.

As a team, the CLU men finished the day in fifth place

and the women ended up in fourth. Powerhouse Claremont-Mudd-Scripps finished in first place on both the men's and women's sides.

"This year we have

really grown," junior Casey Anderson said. "I feel like there is a lot more cohesion this year and it helps having a team that supports one another."

Anderson chipped in for the women with a second place finish in the high jump after she leaped over the bar set at 1.53 meters. She also finished in second in the long jump with a leap of 4.94 meters. In the 100-meter hurdles she came away with a fifth place finish with a time of 15.89.

"I feel like I'm pretty well placed right now," Anderson said. "I feel confident that I can compete well within the conference in my strong events."

Sophomore Brett Cornejo added another second-place finish for the CLU women in the 100-meter dash that she completed in 12.74 seconds.

Christa Youngern, a freshman from San Dimas, finished fourth in the women's shot put 10.77 meters, and fifth in the discus, 32.82 meters.

"I know throwing-wise we hold our own," Youngern said. "Ashley Fleming makes huge contributions to the hammer and javelin every meet, usually getting first in hammer. And we also have various girls in the top 10 of SCIAC for every



throwing event."

The men's team had an impressive finish in the 100-meter dash when Jared Nelson and Jeremy Dugan crossed the finish line in second and third place respectively. Nelson finished the race in 11.10 seconds while Dugan followed right after with a time of 11.13 seconds. Dugan added another third place finish in the 200-meter dash, 22.06.

Sophomore thrower Mike Norris made his top finish in the discus throw where he finished fourth with a throw of 39.52 meters.

The team will now focus on some detailed technical workouts while they rest and get healthy in preparation for the SCIAC prelims and then finals at the end of the month.

"For most of the team we're going to need to treat the prelims like it is the finals in order to make the finals," Fickerson said.

## Kingsmen snap four-match losing streak



By Christina Paulsen  
STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen tennis team snapped a four-match losing skid on March 30 when they defeated the No. 20 ranked team in Division III, Pacific Lutheran University, by a score of 5-4.

The win could not have come at a better time because the final stretch of conference play followed.

"We played great against PLU," sophomore Paul Wetterholm said. "I thought we had a good chance at pulling out a victory against them and we ended up taking it 5-4."

Following the match against PLU, the Kingsmen hit the court to prepare for the upcoming match against No. 12 ranked Redlands.

"During spring break we practiced all week long," Wetterholm said, "once in the morning and once in the afternoon. This was important

for preparing for our matches against Redlands."

On April 6, the Kingsmen traveled to Redlands and ended up falling to the Bulldogs by a score of 8-1, but the players tried to take something from the loss.

"Even though we lost our match against Redlands, I gained some experience for my future matches," Wetterholm said.

**"During spring break we practiced all week long, once in the morning and once in the afternoon."**

Paul Wetterholm

"As a team we are really resilient and can bounce back pretty easy and put a loss behind us," freshman Jordan Culpepper said. "We have been preparing for Westmont for a while because we lost to them on our home opener. We're out for vengeance."

The next day, CLU bounced back with an 8-1 pounding of

Whittier. The Kingsmen needed this win going into a tough match against Westmont.

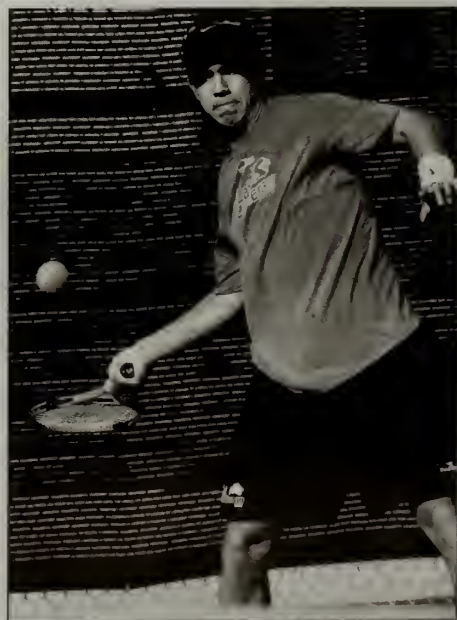
"We took care of business against Whittier and beat them 8-1," Culpepper said.

"We hope to beat Westmont," Wetterholm said before the match. "Last time we played them we didn't have a great match against them so we definitely plan on a better result this time. I lost my singles and doubles matches last time so I plan on taking at least one of those."

Wetterholm ended up winning his singles match 6-2, 6-4 over Burke Marold. He also won his doubles match with Culpepper by a score of 9-7. However, the Kingsmen lost the match by a final score of 6-3.

The SCIAC Championships will be held in Thousand Oaks on Friday. The Kingsmen hope to benefit from the home-court advantage.

"If we play at the CLU courts, it will be like a home match for us so we will have the crowd at our back and CLU support," Culpepper said. "We feel comfortable playing at home so we are fortunate the tournament is here this year."



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**FOREHAND WINNER** — Senior Ben Staley defeated Westmont's JB Schiller in the No. 1 singles match 6-4, 6-0. Despite Staley's victory CLU lost the match 6-3.



## Young shines on the West Coast

By Nick Bjork

STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen baseball team has a player who is glad to be back in California.

Junior catcher Mike Young grew up in La Quinta. He played two years at Mayville State University in Mayville, N.D. before transferring back to the Golden State.

"I really wanted to get closer to home and back to some nicer weather," Young said.

He gives credit for his success to his family. Young's mother and two sisters still reside in La Quinta. His brother John lives in Idaho while his other brother, Steve, lives in Palm Desert.

"My mom and brother [Steve] are my two biggest influences in my life," Young said.

While Young was playing in North Dakota, his mom was only able to visit once each year.

"My brothers had yet to see me play in college until this year," Young said. "My mom basically makes it out to see me play every weekend now."

Young was able to go home and spend Easter with his family for the first time in two years.

Young spoke briefly over the phone with the baseball coaches about coming to CLU.



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**FINDING SUCCESS IN THE WEST** — Junior catcher Mike Young, a transfer from Mayville State in North Dakota, has found a new home at CLU. He is batting .340 this season.

While he was excited about the opportunity, he knew he still had to apply and be accepted before moving any further.

"I really appreciate the opportunity Coach [Marty] Slimak has given me to come out here and play," Young said. "He really stuck himself out

there not knowing too much about me. He gave me a wonderful chance."

The Kingsmen have an overall record of 20-11 and are 10-5 in conference play.

"I feel the season is going well," Young said. "We're in a good position right now. We

control our own destiny and we're getting better as the weeks go by."

Young is batting .340 this season and has racked up four homeruns, seven doubles and 17 RBI.

"I have had success elsewhere," Young said, "but I attri-

bute my success here to being on a team that is competing for something and has a goal to win the conference title."

"The team comradery is much better here than it was in North Dakota and the guys here have really made me feel at home," he said.

Young has started 24 games this season and ranks second in total hits with 32 and first in runs scored with 25.

"I really just go up to the plate trying to put together some good swings and hit the ball hard," Young said.

Young knows that despite his personal accomplishments, it takes a whole team to win. He said there are several other teammates that play important roles on the team.

"Josh Gagne and Brett Urie really do a great job of pulling us together and keeping us on track," Young said.

Another perk of coming to CLU is the newly built George "Sparky" Anderson Field at Ullman Stadium.

"It's so nice to show up to practice on a field like ours everyday," Young said. "I have been impressed with many of the SCIAAC fields, but ours is amazing. I feel like the school is putting as much into us as we put into it."

## Key series upcoming



By Cory Schuett

STAFF WRITER

After winning two of three games with Whittier during the weekend, CLU baseball team faces SCIAAC-leading La Verne this weekend.

The Leopards, 18-15 overall and 12-3 in the conference, hold a two-game lead on the Kingsmen heading into the crucial three-game series. La Verne outscored Caltech 53-0 overall in their previous series.

Senior pitcher Mark Simmons, 7-2, 3.98 ERA, leads La Verne in wins, innings pitched and strikeouts. The left-hander has the team's only complete game.

CLU, 19-12 overall and 10-5 in the SCIAAC, won the first and last game of the series with Whittier by scores of 4-2 and 7-4 but lost the second game 6-5.

In the first game, at home,

senior Josh Gagne threw five innings, allowing two runs, no walks and struck out seven. He scattered 10 hits and earned his third win of the season.

"I didn't start out so well," he said, "but I adjusted, and everybody executed around me."

Freshman designated hitter Paul Hartmann drove in two runs with a single in the first inning. Hartman is batting .389 this season.

Senior center fielder Lee Ellis was 3 for 4 with a solo home run, his second of the year, to lead off the second inning.

"It was a complete team effort," head coach Marty Slimak said. "Not only did we pitch well, we hit well in spots."

In the first of two games at Whittier, the Poets broke a 5-5 score in the bottom of the ninth inning to win the second game of the series. The winning run crossed the plate after an infield error with the bases loaded and two outs.

The loss was charged to freshman Robbie Seldon, who only faced two batters.

Junior Chris Atkinson pitched 4 1/3 innings in relief,

striking out seven. He did not allow a hit.

Hartmann and junior right fielder Trevor Davidson each hit 3 for 5 with a combined three RBI. Davidson leads the team with 28 RBI this year.

The Kingsmen rebounded by winning the final game of the series 7-4. Junior starter Danny Caldwell, 4-1, got the win by pitching six innings and allowing one earned run. The right-hander struck out five and walked none.

Ellis was 2 for 3, including a triple, with two RBI and one run scored.

Junior left fielder Steven Page hit 2 for 4 with one RBI. "We did good overall," Brett Urie, who collected two hits in the series said. "Our hitting finally came around and our defense took care of the rest."

Over the past two weekends, CLU is 2-4, including losses to Occidental and non-conference opponent Menlo College.

The Kingsmen play first-place La Verne on the road on Friday at 3 p.m. The series moves to Thousand Oaks on Saturday for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

## SCIAAC Standings

(Updated on April 16)



Baseball			Softball		
LaVerne	12-3		Redlands	14-4	
Cal Lutheran	10-5		Cal Lutheran	13-5	
Pomona-Pitzer	10-5		LaVerne	10-6	
Redlands	9-6		Whittier	8-8	
Whittier	8-7		CMS	7-9	
Occidental	6-9		Pomona-Pitzer	6-12	
CMS	6-10		Occidental	2-16	
Caltech	0-15				
Tennis			Tennis		
CMS	7-0		Pomona-Pitzer	7-0	
Redlands	6-1		Redlands	8-1	
Pomona-Pitzer	5-2		CMS	5-2	
Cal Lutheran	3-3		Occidental	4-3	
Whittier	2-5		LaVerne	2-4	
Occidental	3-3		Caltech	1-5	
LaVerne	1-6		Cal Lutheran	1-6	
Caltech	0-7		Whittier	0-5	
Golf			Water Polo		
LaVerne	302		Pomona-Pitzer	5-0	
Redlands	304		Cal Lutheran	4-1	
CMS	304		MS	3-2	
Cal Lutheran	314		Redlands	3-2	
Occidental	330		Occidental	2-3	
Pomona-Pitzer	345		Whittier	0-5	
Whittier	NS		LaVerne	0-5	
			Caltech	0-5	



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## Career Expo provides opportunity

By Chad Dunavant  
STAFF WRITER

Future employees and current employers looked for good opportunities at California Lutheran University's annual Career Expo.

The event took place near the flagpoles by the Humanities Building last Tuesday.

"This is a great opportunity to search for your ideal job out of college," said Cynthia Smith, director of the event.

Over 90 vendors showed up to receive résumés and to give information regarding their respective companies and organizations.

Companies ranged from Bed Bath & Beyond to the Ventura County Sheriff Dept.

There was a representative for a company that relates to every major that CLU has to offer.

"I found it quite helpful I didn't find the actual company I wanted to get into, but I found some close seconds," said Austin, a 2006 CLU graduate. "I work at Symbion Research International, Inc., and I found that job on the CLU Web site, so I was hoping this Career Expo had something else to offer."

Smith recommended that students dress up, possibly in suits.

"There was a lot more science-related booths this year, as compared to last year; Baxter Bioscience is here, Teledyne scientific and a few different hospitals are here too," Aker



Students visited booths and got brochures and written materials from potential employers. This particular booth is for John Robert Powers.

said. Students who attended were asked to bring anywhere from 10 to 40 résumés to hand out to the different potential jobs.

Follow-up should be made within a week of handing out your résumé.

"The IRS was here and I thought to myself, 'who wants to work for the most hated agency in our government'," senior Bradney Blake said. "I am majoring in Communications and was hoping to find the ideal job. That didn't happen today but I am confident that something will come along

that I would love doing."

Some of the booths were handing out pens, magnets and other little gifts to remind you of them while thinking about potential employers.

"My real dream is to go to grad school or work for a public relations or advertising agency," Blake said. "Overall, the Career Expo was a great opportunity to see what job employer's were looking for and at the same time make connections with them."

Students were asked to register for the Career Expo by e-mailing their name, major and

graduation date to Smith.

"I noticed that there was a paintball booth something for paintball USA," senior Phyo Tint said. "I wouldn't mind getting paid to play paintball all day."

Representatives from the companies seemed eager to hand out business cards as well as take résumés from students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Career Expo or any of the companies or organizations involved, contact Smith or Career Services at (805) 493-3200.

## KCLU airs global warming series led by UCSB

By Clair Tenney  
STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University's radio station, KCLU-FM, is assisting as a media sponsor for UC Santa Barbara's live lecture series on global warming.

Nationally-known scientists, activists and authors James E. Hanson, Steve Koonin, Elizabeth Kolbert and Bill McKibben are lecturers of these series. Each live lecture has been held on the UCSB campus.

KCLU news director Lance Orozco has interviewed several key people and speakers involved in the series live on air.

"Our intent was to provide the venue for people to find out about the issues and the series," he said.

Dr. David Lea, a professor in the department of environmental studies and earth science, has been researching climate change for the past 20 years.

In 2004, he developed a

class entitled "Global Warming Science and Society" for UCSB students. The class focused on both science and societal impacts of global warming.

A series of guest speakers came to lecture for the class which led to Lea's idea for the global warming live lecture series.

After presenting the idea to UCSB and finding a sponsor for the series, Lea booked speakers who had different views of global warming, climate change, energy and societal aspects.

"My expressed goal of the series was to make it very objective, very science based and very sound," Lea said. "The point was to inform, educate and motivate people to take action."

KCLU began airing interviews with speakers as he allowed people to call in with questions with the goal of getting more information about global warming to listeners.

"It's an issue that involves everyone and everyone knows bits and pieces of it," Orozco said.

"We can reach so many people on air and get out important information to listeners."

James E. Hanson was the first speaker of the series on Monday Feb. 5, with a lecture entitled, "How Can We Avoid Dangerous Human-Made Climate Change."

He is the head of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and has worked on studies and computer simulations of the earth's climate.

Dr. Steve Koonin, the second speaker of the series gave a presentation on "Energy Trends and Technologies for the Coming Decades," on March 8.

He is currently the chief scientist of BP, formerly British Petroleum, the world's second largest integrated oil company and the largest oil and gas producer.

Elizabeth Kolbert is the author of the book "Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and Climate Change."

She has traveled from Alaska to Greenland visiting top scientist to get to the heart of the debate of

global warming.

The final 2007 series lecturer Bill McKibben will lecture on Beyond "Understanding the Problem: Citizen Action for Global Warming Solutions," on Sunday.

McKibben is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College and is best known for his work on climate change issues.

Each lecture has produced great response and attendance with the hall being filled overflowing with people to adjacent rooms.

At this point some people are even being turned away at the lectures. UCSB graduate, Brooke Patterson attended the lecture by Koonin.

"It was packed," she said. "The panel discussion was very interesting, a lot of people participated."

Lea compared the outcomes of the series to a basketball or rock concert. Admittance to the lectures are free. For more information, visit the UCSB Web site.



## School pays respect to Virginia Tech

By Christina Duggan

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University campus mourns and remembers the victims of the Virginia Polytechnic and State University shooting.

CLU Campus Ministries and Student Life organized events for students, staff and faculty to pay respects to those who lost their lives and were wounded in the attack on the Virginia Tech campus during the morning of Monday, April 16.

A brief prayer service was held Tuesday, April 17 in the Uyeno Amphitheater.

About 100 CLU community members gathered to pray for all who had been affected by the act of violence committed on the university's campus.

"We are gathered here today to remember," said Campus Pastor Scott Maxwell-Doherty, who began the service.

Maxwell-Doherty discussed the tragedy as a horrific event that occurred while making a point that Virginia Tech's faculty did not sign up to be faced with terror and violence, but instead "signed up to search for truth."

He asked God to help the victims and their families get through this time of grief and sorrow by bestowing on them his eternal love and greatness.

CLU students read two passages from the Bible during the service, which asked God to bring his unfailing love to the victims and to give strength to all in order to fight the enemy.

Candles were burned during the service as a symbol of all who had lost their lives.

One by one, members of the CLU community took 33 flames to the front of the amphitheater.

As each candle was placed in its appropriate position, freshman Katey Wade rang a bell 33 times one ring for each victim and the shooter.

A minute of silence was held to pay respect before prayers were spoken aloud by service goers.

The Student Union Building held a place for students to write their condolences and prayers for the Virginia Tech community.

A station of colored markers and paper located by the front desk of the SUB gave students the opportunity to make cards

and sign a banner, to be sent to Virginia Tech offering condolences.

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William Rosser

Thirty-three pieces of paper were ripped into pieces and placed on the ground in the front of the pavilion to represent the 33 lives lost on Virginia Tech's Campus that fatal Monday.

E-mails were sent periodically from CLU authorities to students, faculty and staff about the shootings.

At 1:06 p.m. a message was sent from President John Sladek informing the campus of the event that occurred and giving a

link to CNN's Web site for more information.

"A tragedy of unthinkable proportions has just occurred at Virginia Tech University where a gunman has killed at least 31 students and injured many more," Sladek said.

On Monday night, Dean of Students William Rosser sent an e-mail about ways CLU would be dealing with the crisis of Virginia Tech.

"Students are the center of the CLU community and our hope is to make every effort to maintain our campus as a safe, inviting place for learning," Rosser said.

The e-mail told students of the prayer service and other ways they could pay respect and mourn those of Virginia Tech.

"We can all play a role," said Dr. Alan Goodwin, director of Student Counseling Services, "in helping one another deal with these unthinkable events to facilitate healing and recovery."

Counseling Services gave information about how students may react to a traumatic event and how they could help others.

If an event similar to the one of Virginia Tech occurred on the

CLU campus there would be a plan.

CLU's Emergency Operations Team and Emergency Policy and Planning Team would put into effect the appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the campus.

"They [Residence Life] have a plan," said Amanda Totten student worker of Residence Life, "but they hope that they never have to use it."

This emergency plan can be implemented and put into action for fires and explosions, earthquakes, extended power outages, traumatic events, hazardous material releases, civil disobedience and mass casualty events.

If a situation were to occur, the campus would go under lockdown with the Residence Life and Campus Security working together to ensure the safety of all students and visitors.

Students can look at the plan in detail on the campus' safety and security page of the [www.callutheran.edu](http://www.callutheran.edu) Web site.

"Please always be vigilant of your surroundings," Sladek said, "as unfortunately no one is immune from random acts of violence."

## Scandinavian culture celebrated

By Matt Matasci

STAFF WRITER

The Scandinavian Festival returned to the California Lutheran University campus last weekend, in a celebration that included food, drink and entertainment.

The festival represented the countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and Finland, and honored the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The event took place in Kingsmen Park Saturday and Sunday.

"The festival was a great success," said Richard Longgren of CLU's Scandinavian Center. "We were a little worried about the rain, but the weekend ended up being very nice and everything worked out."

The festival included an array of flags, anthems, Old World costumes and music.

Scandinavian Marketplace was set up for various arts and crafts from the Scandinavian region, and an area to purchase Nordic delicacies such as lefse and abelskivers.

According to the Scandinavian Festival Web site, Scandinavian immigrants on the West Coast have had a dream of starting an institution of higher learning in California.

In 1959, that dream became a

reality when CLU was founded and a son of Norwegian pioneers, Richard Pederson, provided the land that the school now thrives on.

The Scandinavian Festival has been a tradition on the CLU campus for more than 30 years.

Not only does it celebrate the heritage of the Nordic peoples, but it also celebrates the heritage of the college and the pioneers of the Conejo Valley and also provides an opportunity for others to learn about the unique Scandinavian culture.

The idea for the festival was envisioned by late professor Armour Nelson and late professor John Nordberg while golfing at a nearby course in 1973.

A faculty member and archivist, Nelson had dreams of showing off his collection of rare Scandinavian books.

Nordberg, director of Development, wanted to showcase the stunningly beautiful campus to the greater Los Angeles community.

Both men wanted to celebrate their own as well as the school's Scandinavian roots.

"I told John that I thought an open house exhibit with a scholarly lecture on some Scandinavian topics could inform people about our Scandinavian heritage," Nelson wrote. "John loved a good show and immedi-

ately suggested adding folk dancers and a smörgåsbord."

A committee was formed to plan the event, which would bring 600 people to the campus to enjoy Scandinavian art, books, food, dancing and music.

The first event was small enough to fit inside the gymnasium.

Today the festival takes place throughout the CLU campus. Most events were in Kingsmen Park, but other exhibits, concerts and programs are held in Samuelson Chapel and Preus-Brandt Forum.

Since 2005, the festival has also held an International Fair with its own stage and marketplace.

One of the most emphasized aspects of the festival was affordable family fun.

With admission for children 12 and under being free, parents were able to spend more inside the festival and support the vendors that came out for the event.

Those that attended the festival gave positive feedback for the event and look forward to next year's festival.

"I had a really great time seeing all the different cultures," said J.J. Coutts, '08. "I am not Scandinavian, so seeing what kinds of food, music and art they have was really interesting."

For next year, the



Photograph by Doug Barnard

**There was a display of Scandinavian weapons.**

Scandinavian Center will evaluate what was successful and continue make the event more family friendly.

To contact the Scandinavian

Center, visit the Web site at [www.callutheran.edu/scancenter/](http://www.callutheran.edu/scancenter/) or call the center at (805) 241-0391.



# Radio archive to be built

By Nicole Nathanson

STAFF WRITER

Planning is underway for a two-story, 40,528 square foot radio archive wing at the Thousand Oaks Community Library.

The project is estimated to be completed in the next four to six years.

Thousand Oaks may have the largest radio memorabilia collection in the world. The Pioneer Broadcasters, has a membership of more than 500 members, whom have donated all sorts of memorabilia.

The Rudy Valle and Normin Corvin Collection make up a significant part of the memorabilia. Valle was a renowned entertainer in the 1930s and 1940s and the library will have his notebooks, personal papers and correspondence.

Corwin was considered the greatest writer and producer of the Golden Age. Some of his most noted pieces of broadcast work include: "150" Bill of Rights," "Day After Victory in Europe" and "On a Note in Triumph."

California Lutheran University also had him on board for the first KCLU broadcast. Robert Atman, filmmaker of "Mash" and "Nashville," said he learned all he knew from Corwin.

"The radio world has had a profound influence on American culture. It serves as an educational resource, allowing young adults and ages in between to



3-D rendering provided by Heathcote and Associates Architecture

This rendering is a bird's eye view of what the archive will look like when completed.

participate in the production of a radio show," said Dr. Grant R. Brimhall, city manager of Thousand Oaks.

At the age of 95, Corwin still teaches at USC and is helping the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation annotate his collection.

He, along with Robert Ahmanson, serve as honorary fundraising chairs.

Old microphones from the 1930s and 1940s, along with original recordings will be housed in this collection.

Radio scripts from popular radio dramas, handwritten lyrics,

letters from presidents and kings during that time era and photographs of old radio entertainers, such as Bob Hope will be included throughout the museum.

"Every library has a specialization: we are geographically and historically sited for an ideal location for a marvelous museum," said Steve Brodgen Thousand Oaks Library director.

The Thousand Oaks Library is known for its excellence and with this new addition, that excellence will be further established.

Gary Heathcote of Heathcote and Associates is the architect of this multi-million dollar project.

"This entire project is being funded by private donors and does not involve the city," he said.

The radio media archive will be a new addition to the existing library with a renovation of the existing entrance that will lead into the radio archive museum and the library.

"We have an enthusiastic board of directors who are fully committed to help grant and fundraise 30 million dollars," said Francis Prince, former Thousand Oaks city council member and current foundation president.

According to Heathcote's

description of the project, permanent and rotating exhibits will hold the radio media archives for viewing.

It will also house a state-of-the-art archival storage facility that will allow for adequate historical restoration and storage.

These rotating exhibits will include a variety of radio memorabilia.

This extremely valuable and historical project will be an astounding and informative resource for current and future generations.

To find out more information visit [www.heathcote.net](http://www.heathcote.net).

# Memorial lecture focuses on Latin Christianity

By Kristina Victoria

STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University's Religion department presented the Inaugural Deborah Sills Memorial Lecture on Monday in the Samuelson Chapel.

The lecture, titled "Borderlands and the 'Biblical Hurricane': Images and Stories of Latin American Rhythms of Life" was given by Dr. David Carrasco.

He is the Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of Latin America and an expert in the fields of Latino and Religious Studies at Harvard University and the Harvard Divinity School.

Carrasco was also a friend of Sills before she died, after a battle with cancer. He incorporated Sills in his lecture.

Dr. Deborah Sills was a religion professor at CLU from 1990-2006. She specialized in global religions, women and religion, as well as religion and culture. She was very popular with

students and faculty alike.

"We filled the chapel with her memorial service. It was very hard to get through. She was very loved and respected," said Dr. Jarvis Streeter, a religion professor at CLU and colleague of Sills.

When Sills' cancer relapsed at the beginning of spring semester last year, Streeter shared the responsibility of Sills' classes and ultimately took them over.

"She regarded life as a gift. As far as she was concerned she should have died ten years before when she first contracted the cancer," Streeter said. "She had a wonderful spirit and was always cheerful. The last time I saw her was literally when she was on her death bed and still then she was smiling and had just finished her book in the previous hours."

When Sills was going through cancer treatment she became close to her doctor. Together they wrote a book about how the cancer affected them both and is in the process of being published.

"It's going to be a good book.

In some sense it's all about life and how women experience it; kids and career," Streeter said.

Streeter, in collaboration with Dr. Jiles Gunn, husband of Sills and professor at UC Santa Barbara, created the concept of a series of lectures to honor and keep Sills' memory alive at CLU.

Gunn is responsible for the funding of the lecture series.

Monday's lecture is the first in the series to be held annually.

"I'm here for religion class, it's required," senior Caroline Beddow said.

The lecture opened with Streeter remarking on Deborah Sills' life and how she was an inspiration to those on campus. He then introduced Sills' family and the lecturer.

Carrasco opened his lecture by explaining the importance of his title and that through his lecture he would refer back to it often.

He connected with his audience with a story of his grandmother. The story emphasized the

blending of religion and culture.

Carrasco's story told that his grandmother always had fresh and beautiful skin and when asked how she achieved that look, she always answered, with prayer and good cosmetics.

The images projected behind him on the chapel wall helped audiences understand his point.

His lecture with the images

called for diversity and questioned if what we are doing promotes cultural convergence.

Carrasco wondered why there were not more Latino surmamed tenure professors at Harvard and questioned why he was the first. He urged CLU listeners to rid borderlands and diversify peacefully.

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## Events

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> April 25	<b>THURSDAY</b> April 26	<b>FRIDAY</b> April 27	<b>SATURDAY</b> April 28
<b>Holocaust Remembrance Service</b> Samuelson Chapel, 10:10 a.m.  <b>Women's Water Polo vs. Pomona-Pitzer</b> Samuelson Pool, 5 p.m.  <b>Multicultural &amp; International Programs Recognition Dinner</b> Lundring Events Center, 5:30 p.m.  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Tac Bo, 5 p.m. Martial Arts/Self Defense, 6 p.m. Cardio Hip-Hop, 7 p.m.	<b>Wellness &amp; Benefits Fair</b> Roth Nelson Room, all day  <b>American Marketing Association "El Torito Night" Fundraiser</b> Info at the SUB  <b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Yoga, 5 p.m. Kickboxing, 6 p.m.	<b>Honors Day Convocation</b> Samuelson Chapel, 10 a.m.  <b>Softball v. Occidental (2)</b> Gibello Field, 2 p.m.  <b>Club Lu presents, "Club LUau"</b> Sycamore Canyon, 5 p.m.  <b>Conference series: "Psyche &amp; Soul"</b> TBA, 6 p.m.  <b>Three Penny Opera</b> Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Conference series: "Psyche &amp; Soul"</b> TBA, 8:30 a.m.  <b>Baseball vs. Redlands (2)</b> Ullman Stadium, 11 a.m.  <b>Senior Art Show Opening Reception</b> Kwan Fong Gallery, 3 p.m.  <b>Three Penny Opera</b> Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, 7:30 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b> April 29	<b>MONDAY</b> April 30	<b>TUESDAY</b> May 1	<b>NEXT WEEK</b> <b>SNEAK PEEK...</b>
<b>Fifth Annual Arroyo Clean-up</b> Meet at the SUB, 8:20 a.m.  <b>Three Penny Opera</b> Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, 2:30 p.m.  <b>Lord of Life Worship Service</b> Samuelson Chapel, 6:15 p.m.	<b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio</b> Tac Bo, 5 p.m. Self Defense, 6 p.m. Cardio Hip Hop, 7 p.m.	<b>Dance &amp; Fitness Studio:</b> Pilates, 6 p.m.	<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS</b> <i>"What Can I Do With This Major?"</i> <b>Tomorrow</b>  <b>DO NOT FORGET</b> <b>Volunteer Appreciation Banquet</b> <i>Tomorrow in the Lundring Events Center at 6 p.m.</i>

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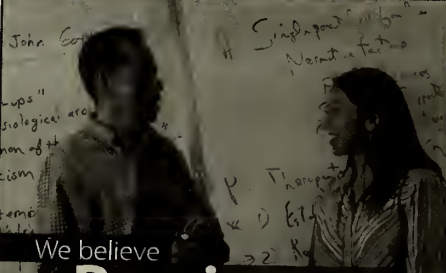
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## New inductees into Psi Chi honored

By Ursula Rush

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Candlelight illuminated the faces of the newest members of California Lutheran University's chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, during a formal ceremony held in the Lundring Events Center on March 21. The annual induction is an opportunity to honor and celebrate the newest members of the society.

The evening began with a keynote address by president Dr. John Sladek. He said that even though he majored in biology and chemistry, he always enjoyed psychology.

His speech was humorous at times, touching on the dislike professors feel for writing letters of recommendation "because there are only so many superlatives" that they can use, and at times serious, commenting on the first Nobel Prize awarded to an experimental psychologist in 1904.

The award was presented to physiologist Ivan Pavlov for his work on different types of stimuli impact the digestive system. Sladek congratulating all students on the research, art and creative work on display in the collegewide Festival of Scholars

held March 19-23.

Psi Chi president Darren Peshek followed Sladek at the speaker's podium, providing a brief history of Psi Chi. Founded by Edwin B. Newman and Frederick H. Lewis on September 4, 1929, at Yale University, it is the oldest and largest honor society in psychology. The mission of Psi Chi is to "encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology."

The Greek letter "psi" means "mind", particularly scholarly enrichment of the mind, and "chi" means "hands" or "fellowship." Taken together, the name of this honor society is symbolic of the cooperation and fellowship inherent to successful research.

Dr. Rainer Diriwachter, Psi Chi faculty adviser, welcomed the new inductees for 2007: Shannon Anderson, Debra G. Blackwell-Schrag, Jenni Ann Brennan, Courtney Duckworth, Jenifer Jarrell, Jocelyn Kangas, Daniel Knauss, Michelle Kraus, Lydia Luna, Revati McNay, Garrett Mosley, Jessica Nyberg, Jenna Perry, Angela Rubino, Brandon Russell, Rosalyn Anne Sayer, Jennie Christine Whitlock and Keyleigh Welsh.



Newest members of the CLU chapter of Psi Chi pose for a picture at the formal ceremony.

Amanda Asbury, a transfer student who was inducted at a different university, also joined the CLU chapter of Psi Chi.

New inductees were given their membership cards, certi-

ates, honor cords and blue candles—a symbol of the "burning dedication of Psi Chi members to achieve mental illumination."

Outgoing Psi Chi officers Darren Peshek, president, Cory

Tripp, vice president, Ursula Rush, secretary/historian and Ashley George, treasurer/public relations held gold candles.

At the close of the ceremony they traded their gold candle for the blue candle of the respective officer-elect: Daniel Knauss, President Jennie Whitlock, vice president, Jenni Brennan, secretary, Brandon Russell, treasurer and Jenna Perry, public relations.

The newest members of Psi Chi were required to meet rigorous academic standards. Admission requirements for the CLU Psi Chi chapter include three coursework and 12 semester hours of psychology coursework, a 3.00 cumulative GPA and a 3.60 GPA in psychology coursework and a declared psychology major or minor or program of a related nature.

Honored guests included Timothy Hengst, dean of arts and sciences, and Dr. Christopher Kimball, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. Psychology department faculty, including Dr. Julie Kuehnle, Dr. Steve Kissingner and Dr. Mindy Puopolo, attended.

Applications for admittance to Psi Chi will be due in December.

## 'In the Land of Women' is a must-see

By Ariel Collins

STAFF WRITER

The movie "In the Land of Women" follows a heartbroken Carter Webb, played by Adam Brody, who decides to leave his fast-paced life in Los Angeles after being dumped by his beautiful and famous girlfriend Sofia, Elena Anaya.

He moves to a quiet suburb in Michigan to live with his grandmother, Olympia Dukakis, who believes she is dying. There, he plans on finding himself and taking the time to sit down and write a story, which he has put off since

he was 15.

Webb loses the time he wants to spend writing and becomes involved with the Hardwicke women across the street. Sarah, the mother, Meg Ryan, gives the impression of a squeaky clean housewife that comes straight out of a Crate & Barrel catalog, a reference that is actually made in the movie, but is thrown off-course and has a harder time keeping that lifestyle together.

The character Lucy, her daughter, is a typical teenage girl most can relate to. She spends her time trying to become independent from her mother, whom she

is distant from. Sarah's youngest daughter, Paige, Makenzie Vega, is a precocious young girl, merely living through the world of her big sister.

Sarah and Lucy find a confidant in Webb. Sarah is able to open up to him about her marital problems and serious health issues. Through the guidance of Webb, Lucy is able to see that what she has been looking for, has been right in front of her the entire time. Webb's counseling eventually unites these women together again.

Because this movie includes three different generations of

women Carter is surrounded by, this film targets no specific age demographic, but the language and certain scenarios are too much to handle for "twens" and younger.

The situations that Sarah and Lucy face, however, are appropriate for high school and older, because the situations are that which many teens and adults can relate to.

Besides having no genuine age group to promote to, there is no doubt that the young actor Brody attracts young girls to see this movie. His sarcasm and wit are enough to charm the viewers

and keep them entertained. They are not overdone in a way that they take the seriousness away from the film.

The acting in "In the Land of Women" is decent and is not overdone. The cinematography and camerawork take the viewer out of L.A. and allows them to capture the feelings of life in the suburbs.

It is a great film to see with friends or with a date because, whether you are a male or female, there is something that everyone can take from it and the film is something that everyone can relate to.

## Timbaland's new album is now No.1

By Stephanie Aguilar

STAFF WRITER

Timbaland's new CD, "Timbaland Presents Shock Value," released on April 3, delivers the goods with astonishing beats and extraordinary guest performers. The album has already hit No.1 on Billboard's top digital albums, and the first single, "Give it to Me," featuring Nelly Furtado and Justin Timberlake, is No.1 on the Billboard Hot Singles chart.

This is Timbaland's first

CD in over three years and this album sure was worth the wait. The beats are all very catchy and addictive. Some songs contain an array of exotic beats and sounds which makes the whole album awesome.

The album includes 17 upbeat songs, all of which feature some of the biggest names in the hip hop industry. The CD contains guest performances by Missy Elliot, Dr. Dre, Justin Timberlake, Nelly Furtado, 50 Cent, Tony Yayo, Magoo, The Hives, Fall Out Boy and Elton John.

This album contains many different elements that make the whole CD very diverse and fun to listen to.

"The album is hot; I bought it the day it came out, and absolutely love it," said Christine Prado, a student at UC San Diego. "I love all the guest performances. It was awesome to see a huge hip hop star come together with some of rock's music biggest performers. The collaborations are so well done, all the tracks are awesome! I definitely recommend it."

This album has got to be the

best collaborated work I have seen in a long time. Every song delivers a new guest performer, and some even have more than one guest appearance on it.

Timbaland has always been known for his extraordinary producing ability, but he has also been responsible for the success of some of today's hottest artists. He helped Nelly Furtado regain her star status, and helped give Justin Timberlake a whole new sound on his latest album.

"I'm not a huge hip hop fan, but I must say that I really enjoyed

the CD," fan Jack Moreno said. "The beats were amazing, and very well constructed. I enjoyed all the collaborations. I give him loads of respect by working with Fall Out Boy."

"I love that band, and I think it's great that two different styles of music can come together and produce an amazing result. That shows true talent from both ends."

The album is available at a music store near you, so make sure to pick it up. It won't leave you feeling disappointed.



## Donkey Basketball is first for Club Lu

By Stephanie Aguilar

STAFF WRITER

Many gathered in the old gymnasium to cheer on their friends on Friday evening when Club Lu presented donkey basketball.

Popcorn, cotton candy and refreshments were available for attendants free of charge.

Art supplies were also provided, for students to make posters to help cheer on their friends. The gymnasium was nicely decorated with purple and yellow balloons.

"We began planning this event last year," Mike Roehl said. "We wanted an event similar to Club Lu Wrestling, but we also wanted something different and interesting to do on campus, so that students can enjoy."

"I grew up in Fresno where the company is based, so I have been exposed to it very early on. This is the first time in 30 years



Donkey Basketball participants get ready for the game at Club Lu last Friday night in the old gym.

that CLU does something similar to this, so in modern CLU, this is the first event of its kind."

Donkey basketball is exactly

that. It's 5-on-5 and contains all the same regulations as a regular game of basketball. The only main difference is that instead of

dribbling the players are riding a donkey.

"We thought it would be fun to involve basketball play-

ers to make it more like a real basketball game," senior Andrea Stenson said. "We wanted as many people to be involved as possible. My job was to get people involved. I helped with the choosing of the coach as well as the players. We pretty much did it all as a committee, everyone was very helpful."

The teams were divided by color; there was a purple team and a gold team.

The crowd was very involved and very excited while cheering their friends on. The game was announced by two young men who kept the game funny and lively.

"The game was very fun," said onlooker Monica Cabrera. "It was something that I have never seen before. I had never heard of donkey basketball, which is the main thing that sparked my interest in coming to the event. It was very fun to actually see it all play out."

## Alumna is appointed special assistant to Sladek

By Stefanie Lucas

STAFF WRITER

Susan Knight has been appointed to the position of special assistant to the president and director of special events by Dr. John Sladek, president of California Lutheran University.

"It will be my job to provide direction and leadership related to major university events," she said. "I will represent the president's office and serve as an important liaison within the CLU family and our surrounding community."

Knight graduated from CLU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art in 1996. She also has a master's degree in public administration, which she received in 2000.

Originally from Lodi, she transferred to CLU after two years studying at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y. Knight came to CLU for its proximity to Los Angeles, positive influence from her pastors and she already had several friends from her hometown attending CLU, she said.

In her time at CLU, Knight

was involved with a variety of activities that helped her gain the skills she needed in her professional career.

She had an internship in the Student Activities office her senior year, and assisted in new projects such as starting the Edge and planning weekly events on Fridays called SpringFest.

"All of the activities that I participated in, including class time, contributed to my work experience, and helped me get to the career I have now," Knight said.

She was also an innovator and helped start up the Expressionist Club, a group that used sidewalk chalk art to advertise events around campus. Fellow art major Dennis Lagodimos, a 1998 graduate, helped Knight start the club.

Her creativity also came out in the student directed plays she was a part of, being a member of programs board, the senior pride committee and she was also a peer advisor her senior year.

"The art of balancing a full schedule has made me more organized and able to handle multiple projects," Knight said.

She wants students to take advantage of the opportunities CLU has to offer, and create memories. One of her favorite memories was raising a guide dog in Pederson Hall. The guide dog's name was Midnight, and she would take Midnight to work in the Pederson Administration Building.

All of her involvements prepared her to go into her event-planning career. After graduating from CLU, Knight worked in management at Aaron Brothers and Frames by You and Knight was then hired as the assistant director of Alumni Relations. She then worked for 101 communication's conference division, and transitioned during the last two years to become a marketing and event-planning consultant.

"Take advantage of the many volunteer opportunities that CLU offers," she said. "If you don't see something you like, go create it and build your own event, club or internship."

It was as a consultant that CLU hired her to coordinate the last three building and structural dedications, and the Presidential



Photograph courtesy of the Knight Family

Newly-appointed Special Assistant to the President, Susan Knight and her husband, Justin Knight and their daughter. Inauguration Week events.

Knight lives with her husband, Justin, and her daughter, Sterling, in Simi Valley. Justin Knight, also a CLU alum, and started dating at CLU, but had known each other since 1983.

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## Spring fashion trends

By Crystal Coleman  
and Christine Polanco

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Get ready to shed the winter coats in favor of the top spring fashion trends.

Students and top fashion magazines say this spring's hottest fashions for women include dresses, slim-fitting pants, wide pants, peek-a-boo pumps, flats, patent leather, metallics, black and white contrast, empire waist tops, ruffles and bows.

Something is available for every woman this spring season with so much variety and choices to create an individual style.

"I love babydoll dresses," said Molly Rafferty, a California Lutheran University student, who frequently shops at Forever 21.

Babydoll dresses can be fun and youthful, just remember that "mini is in." A woman can wear these dresses and get a great leggy look by adding black tights or by wearing them over a pair of skinny cropped jeans.

Another way to spice up the wardrobe is to add an Empire waist top, which is girlish and sweet. Many of the tops are

embellished with lace, ruffles and bows, which can easily dress up or down a casual pair of pants.

"I like Skinny jeans, although I know they are going out of style. I also like wedges and stilettos with the round toes," said Elise Salmon, another CLU student who loves to shop at Nordstrom.

Skinny on the bottom and voluminous on the top is the way to keep skinny jeans still in style. Stilettos and wedges with peek-a-boo toes are a new way to change things up instead of wearing the same old flats.

If skinny jeans are not the woman's individual style, another popular pant is the long and wide pants that can be worn with short tops and crop jackets.

This spring's most popular colors are black, white, nudes and pale colors. Black and white contrasts with floral and geometric prints are really popular right now and can be worn with numerous accessories, and it is flattering on a variety of ages and figure types.

A woman can keep her look strong but playful by adding a

metallic bag or some shiny patent leather shoes.

"I really like the pale yellow color that is coming out right now, and the sun dresses," said Lena Dumont, a CLU communication student.

Patent leather was originally worn to compliment warm weather looks, but patent leather has shown that it is a year-round fashion statement. It is popping up everywhere, from shoes to bags to belts. The key is to not overdo it and keep them as accents.

"I am just a surfer girl. I like capris and flip-flops," said Brittany Dieter, local surf bum at CLU.

Capri-style pants, and short shorts are being worn with shiny patent leather flats, platforms and simple thong sandals. Don't ruin the casual look by wearing shoes that are too dainty or dresses. Keep it relaxed.

A woman should update her style in small doses and remember to be sure that the look is right for her lifestyle and that it is flattering to her figure before committing to the trend.

## Lord of Life Worship Team fills chapel with tunes of joy



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John Rundman, vocals, Danny Lilies, drums, Matthew Johnson, bass and Sean Pelton, guitar in cooperation with Mark Holmstrom, Chapel Music Coordinator, helped the congregation worship on April 18 during Wednesday morning Samuelson Chapel services.

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### What is the worst job you have ever had?



**Jenny Andrews, 2008**

"McDonald's was bad because I had to flip the burgers, and I'm short so I kept getting burned."



**Vincent Santiago, 2008**

"In-N-Out, because you worked every single second of the day. It never let up."



**Kevin Graham, 2008**

"Being a baseball umpire, because the parents always yelled at you for making bad calls."



**Emily Cowle, 2009**

"Legoland, because the uniforms were bad. We had to wear pants that came up really high on our waist."



**Marlise Soto, 2009**

"Working at Sport Chalet. I will never work retail again because of that job."



**Rich Culp, 2008**

"Moving water lines on a ranch, because you got muddy and wet."



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The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth.  
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—Niels Bohr (1885 - 1962)

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## MySpace changing the way we communicate



By Natasha Terry  
COLUMNIST

In the past, people used to seek out friendships and networking through local hangouts such as burger joints. Today, however, social networking through the Internet has become increasingly popular in American culture.

With the creation of MySpace there has been a shift in the conservativeness of Americans. Through the creation of MySpace in 2004, Americans have become more revealing

about their lives and personal business.

MySpace is a social networking Web site that allows people to create extended networks of friends who can communicate using personal Web sites full of text, photos and music. MySpace allows users to create personal sites that other users can view and comment on. This is a popular way for people to express themselves today.

With the creation of MySpace and other social networking sites, people do not have to pay to create Web sites, they can just create a MySpace profile. This has grown increasingly popular among new bands and artists.

When given the opportunity to create a Web site, people disclose personal information. Before MySpace, people kept personal information to themselves or among close friends. Today, MySpace allows the whole nation to see what we are doing on a daily basis, if we choose to disclose that information. MySpace has grown into a symbol of popular culture that

everyone is familiar with.

MySpace has increased its number of users by thousands each day during the past three years. In November 2005, MySpace received 150,000 new users on a daily basis. This number is reduced slightly today, but there definitely is not a shortage of users. MySpace is the largest social networking Web site portal, with more than 61 million users.

MySpace may seem like the perfect social networking place, in fact its tagline is “MySpace: a place for friends.” However, there are some downfalls. Anyone can view your MySpace profile page. In addition to the traditional background check, employers have made it common practice to use MySpace as a tool to check on possible hires and employees.

Employers are not the only ones taking advantage of MySpace. If your profile is not set to private anyone can view your page. This means the government can look at your page if they so desire, and, on a scarier

note, child predators are using MySpace to lure in victims.

MySpace is free to use and, as a result, it is very easy to lie about information such as age. Young kids find this especially appealing to lie about their age. Many minors pass themselves as 17 or 18 on MySpace. By doing this they attract older aged users and quite possibly sexual predators. However, there is nothing MySpace can do to prevent this if people want to continue to use it for free.

The increased popularity of MySpace has caused people to go against former beliefs of keeping personal information private. MySpace gives people the ability to disclose whatever information they want to the public. You can find out just about anything you want about a person by looking them up on MySpace because people will tell you almost everything about themselves on their profiles. However, this is not the case with everyone. Some smart users on MySpace realize that anyone can see their profile and look up

any and all information they disclose on their profiles.

As MySpace continues to grow, people need to be more conscious of what they post on their pages as well as comments on others’ pages. We are not the same conservative America today with sites such as MySpace.

People are more willing to reveal information about themselves that we would normally keep private. There is no telling why people shifted from being conservative other than the fact that sites such as MySpace are readily available to the public and it has become a popular trend to join them.

It is basic communication theory to want to feel a sense of belonging within social groups and among friends. With this people feel the need to conform and get a MySpace account. As more people do this we shift from a more conservative approach with how we share our personal information to an open approach, which is what we see today with sites like MySpace.

## Anti-capitalist views rampant in elementary school

By Kimberly Benning  
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

First came the ludicrous idea that it was no longer necessary to include “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then some little boys were punished for using their fingers as guns in a game of cowboys and Indians. Then came the ban of stickers in science textbooks to suggest that students make their own personal decisions about whether they believe in evolution. Now Hilltop Children’s Center

in Seattle has banned Legos because children were building cities in which Lego people were private property owners.

It’s official. Liberals have taken over our schools.

The children at Hilltop Children’s Center were doing what children do best—playing, when their teachers took it upon themselves to teach them the evilness of a capitalistic society. In the winter 2006-2007 issue of Rethinking Schools, teachers Ann Pelo and Kendra Pelojoquin explained that the students each

wanted their Lego people to have the “coolest” Lego houses, so they sought out the best Lego pieces and had at it.

However, according to the teachers, Legotown, as it came to be known, demonstrated “the inequities of private ownership and hierarchical authority.”

The teachers wrote, “The children were building their assumptions about ownership and the social power it conveys—assumptions that mirrored those of a class-based, capitalist society—a society that...teachers believe to be unjust and oppressive.”

That’s right, get ‘em while they’re young, because when they grow up and get minds of their own they might be smart

enough to support capitalism.

I can’t think of a better demonstration of the American dream than these kids’ Legotown. You want the coolest pieces, so you dig through bins and bins of Legos to get them. And if someone else got the cool piece you wanted, you’ll have to settle for a less cool piece until you can trade a few of your pieces for something better.

But this wasn’t good enough for the teachers. “We recognized that children are political beings, actively shaping their social and political understandings of ownership and economic equity—whether we interceded or not. We agreed that we wanted to take part in shaping the children’s

understandings from a perspective of social justice,” they wrote about their decision to ban the Legos.

Social justice? If what the teachers claim is true, and children are “political beings,” then what is wrong with them having their own political thoughts? Moreover, how is it socially just to deny these children their ideas simply because they do not coincide with the teachers’ views?

The teachers discussed with the children their decision to ban the Legos. Topics brought up were “fair distribution of resources” and “unequal distribution of power.” Boy, have times changed—I thought reading, writing and arithmetic were still what you learned in elementary school!

Fortunately, Legos have since been returned to Hilltop Children’s Center. Unfortunately, the teachers never got off their communist horses and Lego play is now mediated by three laws: First, “all structures are public structures. Everyone can use all the Lego structures.” Second, “Lego people can be saved only by a ‘team’ of kids, not by individuals.” Third, “all structures will be standard sizes.”

I’ll add the unspoken fourth rule: All children who play with Legos must grow up to be communists.

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—Robert Frost (1874 - 1963)

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## Snoop Dogg's latest plea laughable



By Emily Melander  
COLUMNIST

In recent news, grill-blinging homies and gatt-slinging bustas rejoiced as famed rapper Snoop Doggie Dogg narrowly avoided prison time once again. Snoop, born Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr., recently plead 'no contest' to felony drug and gun charges.

According to the Associated Press, the 35-year-old-rapper/record producer/actor was arrested on Oct. 26, 2006, at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank on suspicion of transporting marijuana. Later, police found a gun at his home.

With his 'no contest' plea, Snoop agreed to five years probation and 800 hours of community service. Pasadena Superior Court Judge Terry Smerling said that Snoop is able to serve half of the hours through working with the youth American Football League that he personally runs. If convicted, he would have faced up to four years in prison.

I find this plea laughable. In fact, it is 100 percent true that "the dogfather" would have absolutely no contest against a plea involving marijuana and guns. This, of course, is coming from the man who sings about

that "real sticky icky icky" and was convicted in 1990 of cocaine possession, a felony charge that made it illegal for him to own a firearm.

Further, he was charged with gun possession in 1993, and was acquitted of a murder charge in 1996 after gunfire from the vehicle in which he was traveling killed an alleged card-carrying homey-g.

As if that all wasn't enough, Snoop plead guilty to charges of possessing a deadly weapon in January, after he was caught in September with a police baton in his luggage as he attempted to catch a San Francisco-bound flight from John Wayne Airport in Orange County. Yep, you're right Snoop, you have no contest against such obvious and long-awaited charges.

Beyond the probation, a judge also ruled that Snoopy-D-O-double-gizzle could not have

any gang members in his entourage. Snoop's lawyer, Donald Etra, said that the Dogg's security staff and drivers are all currently state licensed, and that neither the staff, nor his entourage is comprised of gang members. Yeah right.

One more probation stipulation is that Snoop must provide authorities with a DNA sample, and also must have a valid medical permit in order to use marijuana.

In his defense, Etra has said outside of courts that the Snoop master has to smoke marijuana because he is afflicted with migraines, and was therefore issued a medical permit under state law. Again, yeah right.

Another funny tidbit is that Snoop arrived at the hearing wearing a black leather jacket with a fur collar, a white T-shirt and sequined jeans. Hey, I'm no fashion expert, but it seems that

if a felon wears sequined jeans to a trial, he shouldn't even have to say the words 'no contest,' it should just be assumed.

I think that the best part about this whole thing is that this G-thang initiated and runs a youth football camp.

In regard to Snoop's football league, Etra was quoted in the Associated Press as saying, "Snoop's position is he wants to give children and teenagers an example to follow."

I guess he forgot to finish the sentence. What he meant to end with is "an example to follow, by owning guns, smoking dope, carrying weapons and rapping about how 'We Just Wanna Party with You.'"

The bottom line is that Snoop needs to 'drop it like it's hot' for fear of serious jail time. It seems that Snoop's long career of skating through convictions is nearly over. It's about time.

## Campus needs additional rain protection

By Kristina Victoria

STAFF WRITER

California Lutheran University may be located in Southern California. However, the school still needs to be equipped for all kinds of weather.

During the last few weeks, the weather has been pretty strange. Some days will be so hot that my friends and I try to make plans to go to the beach before or after school or work.

Then, the next day, the weather will be so cold and/or rainy that I do not feel like coming to school because I would rather lay in bed and stay warm, drinking hot cocoa or tea.

Then I started thinking why I did not want to attend class. I decided it was not because I could only drink hot cocoa or tea at home, because I could easily get those drinks from the Centrum or Café à la Carte on campus or just go to my favorite coffee shop before school starts.

It was because my classes are spread out through the campus. Also, with the lack of overhangs at CLU, walking from one side of the school through Kingsmen Park, then to the other side of campus, me, my books and my clothes are drenched in the rain upon arrival to my class.

I am pretty sure most people would agree with me that sitting

through class when drenched, dripping and cold is not a pleasant experience. Then, I am so distracted by my discomfort that I am unable to learn the material properly.

Other times, I have tried to plan ahead for the weather and dress accordingly. But there has been so many times that when I leave my house in Moorpark it is barely sprinkling and when I get to school it is nearly pouring.

I had gotten to the point where I just kept an umbrella in my car. Still though, even getting in and out of my car without getting wet is an adventure and even if I succeed at doing that, I still have to walk along the

rain-drenched pathways where my pant cuffs get wet and water starts to seep up them.

The school should have overhangs to protect students from rain in the winter and spring seasons. The overhangs would even be beneficial year-round because in the summer they can provide shade for those walking through campus.

In the rainy season, the overhangs would provide a dry pathway for students to walk along in case they forgot an umbrella. Also, overhangs would make the ground underneath relatively dry so that there is a greater chance for the students' pant cuffs to remain dry.

Also, when different events are being held at Kingsmen Park or at the Pepper Grove, the overhangs would provide instant shade or instant protection from the rain for the event attendees.

At times the school has set up tents along the pathways with desks under them for talking to students about different subjects. With the addition of overhangs along the pathways, the school would not need to invest in tents or pay laborers to set the tents up.

The addition of overhangs to the CLU campus would be beneficial to all who use the campus and is an improvement that should be looked into.

## Fear is an inadequate reaction to Va. Tech murders

By Alex Candia

COLUMNIST

One of the most shocking things to hit the headlines, not only this week but this millenia, is the Virginia Tech massacre. It is something that did not take long for a whole nation to become affected by.

With the whole world wondering why something like this could have happened this was a time for news media to capitalize on a real event. No more Anna Nicole, not as much Sanjaya. The corporate news media put some of their other "coverages" on hold for a moment to start the coverage of a national tragedy.

No one can be absolutely certain exactly what circumstance provoked this situation, but that will not stop people from trying to find out everything they can, right down to the salesperson who sold the killer his last pair of shoes.

Wolf Blitzer was reporting nonstop from "The Situation Room" enough for many to believe that since the turn of the millennium he has not left it.

Blitzer even had Dr. Phil McGraw on his program live from Texas. It is 3 in the morning in Texas and Dr. Phil is giving his best thoughts on the gunman and what the survivors need to do

to "beal." This obviously shows how involved the media became in such a short amount of time. Sometimes it is hard to know when the news media should be taken seriously.

This is a very difficult topic to speak or write about because it is so fragile and delicate, but this atrocity, as well as all of the others that occur on this earth everyday, need to be used to make us stronger and smarter in the face of tragedy and sorrow.

It is unfortunate to say, but I am breathing a sigh of relief that I am graduating in a few weeks. Not because I am concerned about rogue students

that may threaten my health and well-being, but because of the aftermath of such events. This is going to be treated as 9/11 in the classroom.

I fear that public outcry will demand that no one will be safe unless security is upgraded and building "monitors" are stationed at every building. We live in a very small community, but this does not mean we are not immune from a violent episode. But do not take away the liberties that we all enjoy and sometimes even take for granted.

USA Today quoted Andrew Siddons, 21, who said, "I don't see what good it would do to

just live in fear. It doesn't make me scared as much as it makes me sad."

It seems that whenever something like this happens, we begin to rush to fear. Fear of the person next to us, fear of the future, fear the unknown. I think Siddons is right in saying this should sadden us more than frighten us.

Too many of history's reactionary mistakes have been based on fear. The Holocaust, internment camps and the war on terror are only a few to name. So let us be saddened by this, but remain strong and confident that the future promises much more than fear.



## Kingsmen to host at Sterling Hills



By Erika Irizarry

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Kingsmen will host the final match of the SCIAC season tomorrow, at the Sterling Hills Golf Course in Camarillo.

With Sterling Hills being the home course to the Kingsmen, the course will be nothing new to them.

"We feel we have a great shot at winning it," senior Tyler Doyle said. "A victory would definitely bump us up in the rankings."

The Kingsmen started a match hosted by Occidental at Oakmont on April 9, and came home fourth place with this being their second official match of the SCIAC season.

"Oakmont was in relatively good condition," senior Christian Colunga said. "The greens got a

little spongy at times, and proved to be bumpy in spots as well. For me, the day was kind of a struggle on the greens."

The Oakmont tournament just so happened to be the first and only opportunity the men had to play the course and so they were not familiar with it.

"It was definitely a great course," Coach Jeff Lindgren said. "It was short yet tough. I think it took the advantage away from our boys who are good drivers of the golf ball because it was such a short course. It's a private country club and we are very fortunate that a lot of our tournaments take place at these clubs, giving the boys experience and opportunity."

Although they finished in fourth, freshman Ian Code managed to pull the team in by coming in eighth as an individual and obtaining a score off 77.

On April 16, the Kingsmen traveled to Chino Hills to face Whittier College at Los Serranos Golf Course, and finished fifth with La Verne coming in first, shooting a total of 287. The Los



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**FORE! — Senior Kyle Laubach watches his tee shot. Laubach and the Kingsmen will host the final match of the SCIAC season at Sterling Hills in Camarillo.**

Serranos golf course is the only course in the conference with six par 5s, making it a par-74 golf course, whereas most of the courses within the SCIAC conference are usually par 70, 71 or 72.

"Ultimately, we played well,"

Lindgren said. "My goal was to shoot between 305 and 308, and we shot 307. There are some really good teams in our conference; we have to give them credit."

The last time SCIAC played a tournament at Los Serranos on

the South Course, CLU broke the 36 hold record and set the record. However, this past week the Kingsmen were not so fortunate. La Verne ended up breaking the Kingsmen's record shooting nine under par as a team.

"Crazy things seem to happen at Los Serranos," Doyle said. "That record will not be broken for a long, long time. I was blown away. We shot more or less what I had expected and got blown out. It wasn't even close. I am still in shock."

As of right now, the Kingsmen are fourth in the SCIAC conference and still have a slight chance of winning the SCIAC title. With Sterling Hills being the home course to the Kingsmen, they hope to obtain first place, no questions asked.

"This is going to hopefully give us a boost; it should be an advantage for us," Lindgren said. "We really need to get first or possibly second in order to boost ourselves up in the standings, giving our boys confidence that they can compete against other schools."

## Season comes to end



By Christina Paulsen

STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen played Occidental in their eighth SCIAC match last Saturday, and won 6-3.

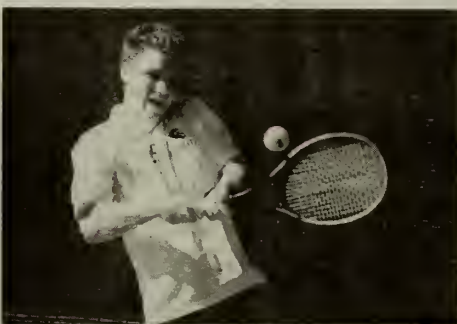
Later that day, the Kingsmen played Biola, which was a non-SCIAC match and won 9-0.

The Kingsmen played in the SCIAC Championships last weekend, April 20-21 at the home tennis courts, which included nationally and regionally ranked players and teams. The matches were supposed to begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, but were postponed due to rain.

The semi-final matches were supposed to be on Friday afternoon, followed by finals, which were to occur on Saturday. In the first round, the Kingsmen lost to Occidental, which meant they played Cal Tech and La Verne and came in fifth place overall.

California Lutheran University has three regionally-ranked players: sophomore Paul Wetterholm, sophomore Forrest Hunt and senior Ben Staley.

On being one of the three players who are regionally ranked, Wetterholm states "It feels good knowing that I'm only a sopho-



Photograph by Tracy Maple

**RACK IT UP — Sophomore Joe Lonergan keeps the ball in play. The Kingsmen tennis team won three of its last four matches during the regular season.**

more and I'm regionally ranked already. I know I have the time to get an even higher ranking in the next two years."

"A couple of the players that are ranked ahead of me are some players that I lost to in close matches," he said.

"Well we beat Occidental last weekend, which was a close match," freshman Jordan Culpepper said. "We just so happen to be playing them first round of conference championships. Are we lucky to be playing them? Probably not because they are going to give it every thing they have because that was a big loss for them."

In preparation for the championships over the weekend, Wetterholm said, "I've been sick

all week so I have been taking it easy. On Thursday, I played a match so that helped me get some preparation for the matches."

"If we beat them [Occidental] we play Pomona which is a team we would love to get revenge against," Culpepper said. "We barely lost to them during the regular season. We have trained real hard these last few weeks and with a lot of heart and a little bit of confidence, I'm sure we can make it far in this tournament"

As far as techniques that were used during preparation for the championships, Wetterholm said, "I just want to focus on waiting for the right time to attack. I've been working on setting up points so I can that ball that I can attack on."

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## Water polo narrowly defeated again



By Kevin Baxter

STAFF WRITER

In a narrow 11-10 defeat at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps the California Lutheran University women's water polo team suffered its third straight loss to close out their regular season schedule with all three matches, being decided by two goals or less.

After opening conference play with four straight wins, the Regals were then defeated by Redlands, 11-10, Pomona-Pitzer, 11-9 and Claremont to finish their SCIAAC schedule with a 4-3 record.

"We should have won but we didn't," freshman Joy Cyprian said. "We are a little disappointed and we have every right to be, but we need to shake it off and get ready for this weekend."

The Regals entered the fourth quarter against Claremont trailing 8-7, but could not overcome the one goal deficit. Freshman

Lauren Bridges led the team with three goals. Cyprian and Nicole Pecel each chipped in with two scores and Whitney Haroldson added one. Junior goalie Katie Windsor made seven saves.

"Claremont was a close game and I think we can beat them," Pecel said. "We got off to a slow start and had to come back and catch up."

Last Wednesday, the Regals fell to Pomona by two goals in their final home game of the season. CLU went down 3-0 to open the game and was fighting from behind the whole game. Despite three goals from Cyprian and Pecel, they never led and dropped the game 11-9.

"We can beat Pomona if we play a much more aggressive game and learn to control the game and not let them dictate our offense," Pecel said.

Over the last three games CLU has been struggling to get off to a good start and have found themselves in a hole after the early going. The team hopes that they will be able to change that before the SCIAAC Championships this weekend.

"We need better defense in the first half in order to turn things around," Windsor said.

On Friday, the team will



Photograph by Amanda Cabal

**LOOKING FORWARD** — The Regals water polo team hit a rough patch during the final stretch of the season. After winning 10 of 11 games, CLU lost its final three of the season. The team is looking forward to the SCIAAC Championships this weekend.

open play in the eight-team conference tournament at Redlands with a first round match up against Whittier who went 3-4 in their seven SCIAAC games. The Regals played at Whittier in their first conference game this season on Mar. 31 where they overcame an early 5-1 deficit and escaped with a narrow 10-9 victory.

"We have beaten them before and we can do it again. We just need to play our game and keep

with our flow," Pecel said. "If we win the first game against Whittier we are still in the mix of things and we can still go to playoffs."

With a NCAA postseason berth still in their sights, the Regals have added inspiration heading into the tournament. With a win over Whittier on Friday the Regals would set up a potential match against top seeded Pomona who should get past

Caltch without a problem in the first round. Pomona finished the regular season with a 7-0 record in conference play.

"We need to believe in ourselves, and go out strong," Cyprian said. "We have been holding back for some reason, but we don't need to because we are better than we have been playing. All we need to do is believe, and we can make it happen."

## McEnroe hired to lead Kingsmen football



By Erika Irizarry

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University Kingsmen football team will be taking on this next season with new coach, Ben McEnroe.

After narrowing down a selection to the top eight coaches who would best suit the CLU Kingsmen football team for the upcoming football season the panel of coaches and players made their decision and chose Ben McEnroe, a 1993 CLU graduate.

"Being an alum," McEnroe said, "CLU was always a dream job for me and I am thrilled to have this opportunity. I feel that the athletic department and university are headed towards great things and I feel fortunate to be a part of that."

Fall 2007 will be McEnroe's 15th season coaching football and his second time coaching at CLU. His first six years of coaching were spent as the assis-

tant coach of the CLU Kingsmen football team, his next four years at NCAA Division II Humboldt State and his most recent four years were spent at Chaminade High School in West Hills.

"Chaminade was a great experience as it was my first head coaching opportunity and it is a wonderful school with great people," McEnroe said. "We took a program that had won 10 games in three seasons and went to the CIE playoffs four consecutive years and won a league championship in 2006."

McEnroe is the fourth head coach in CLU history and also the first alumnus to lead the program.

Spring practice concludes this week and the players are excited and highly motivated for this upcoming season.

"This is a fun group of guys to be around," McEnroe said. "It has a nice mix of veterans and young guys that seem to love playing football together."

"I am looking forward to helping this team achieve its goals. They have been very close to winning the SCIAAC each of the last two seasons, and I am looking forward to that challenge and leading our program to the SCIAAC championship and NCAA playoffs,"



Photograph by Ray/David Johnson

**BIG BEN** — The California Lutheran University Athletic Department recently named CLU Alum Ben McEnroe as the new head coach. McEnroe has spent 15 years coaching, including six as an assistant coach at CLU.

he said.

McEnroe also plans on bringing a passion for CLU football and the university to the football team in general and said he feels blessed to have a

job that he loves.

"On the field, we feel like we have something to prove," McEnroe said, "so look for a tough, physical football team that is focused on winning the

SCIAAC championship."

Junior Austin Jones is one of the players on the team who was part of the selection process. He, too, is looking forward to an eventful season and is ready to face up to long days and practices.

"It's going to be a great challenge for the defense because we don't have any coaches in place as of right now," Jones said. "We will have to learn a new system when we come into camp and we have to hit the ground running."

"I expect an easy transition next year just because I feel like he knows our personnel and the type of team we are," junior Daniel Jones said.

Many people within the CLU community are excited and pleased to see McEnroe back on the CLU campus to lead the Kingsmen.

"He is an energetic, enthusiastic person with a history at and knowledge of CLU football as a former athlete and coach," sports information director Tracy Maple said. "[He] is a very well rounded coach with experience in coaching, recruiting and facility development, all which will benefit the Kingsmen football program for years to come."



## Kingsmen win series over La Verne



By Cory Schuett

STAFF WRITER

The Kingsmen won two of three games against first-place La Verne this weekend, leaving them one game behind the top position.

The final SCIAC series of the year is against Redlands this weekend. The Bulldogs are 24-13 overall and 5-5 in their last 10 games, including two losses to Whittier over the weekend.

CLU, 22-12 overall and 12-6 in the SCIAC, split a home doubleheader on Saturday, winning the first 13-5 and losing the second 3-2. They won the final game 7-5 at La Verne on Sunday.

In the first game, the Kingsmen scored nine runs in the seventh inning. Eight of the runs were scored before the

first out was recorded.

Sophomore first baseman Justin Bogoyevac gave CLU the lead for good with a two-run double in the seventh inning.

Senior Gabe Ward, 2-1 this season, earned the win by pitching 3 1/3 innings in relief. The left-hander gave up just two hits and one run.

Sophomore second baseman David Iden was 1 for 3 with three RBI.

"We got hits when we needed them," said junior right fielder Trevor Davidson, who was 2 for 4 with two runs and two RBI. "Unfortunately, we couldn't do it in the second game."

The Leopards, 19-17 overall and 13-5 in the conference, allowed only four hits and took advantage of three CLU errors to win the second game.

Potential tying and winning runs were in scoring position with two outs in the ninth inning but were left stranded.

"It was a bad, bad loss. We didn't play well at all," head coach Marty Slimak said. "We

played well in the first game, but not in the second."

Junior starter Rob LeBaron kept the game close, pitching 6 1/3 innings, allowing two runs. The right-hander scattered seven hits and struck out three.

Iden and Davidson drove in a run each.

Down 5-1 heading to the eighth inning of the final game, the Kingsmen rallied for five runs to take the lead.

Freshman second baseman Landon Smith gave CLU the lead with a two-run double in the eighth inning.

Senior center fielder Lee Ellis was 2 for 3 with two walks, one RBI and three runs scored.

Freshman Peter Birdwell pitched the final three innings, giving up one run. He struck out the side in the ninth inning to earn the victory.

"[The loss] puts us in a tough situation, but we are still in it," said senior pitcher Josh Gagne, who started the first game. "God-willing, we will catch some breaks."

CLU will most likely need



Photo graph by Tracy May

**DIVING IDEN** — Sophomore David Iden makes a diving stop against Whittier. CLU opens a series against Redlands on Friday at 3 p.m.

to sweep Redlands and hope both La Verne and Pomona-Pitzer lose at least a game in their respective series to finish tied atop the SCIAC standings. The series with Redlands

begins on the road on Friday at 3 p.m. and concludes with a home doubleheader starting on Saturday at 11 a.m. It will be the last time the Kingsmen play at home this season.

### California Lutheran University Art Department

## Senior Art Show

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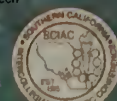
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## SCIAC Standings

(Updated on April 23)



Baseball		Softball	
Pomona-Pitzer	13-5	Redlands	18-4
LaVerne	13-5	Cal Lutheran	14-6
Cal Lutheran	12-6	LaVerne	13-7
Redlands	10-8	Whittier	10-10
Whittier	10-8	CMS	8-11
CMS	8-10	Pomona-Pitzer	6-14
Occidental	6-12	Occidental	2-19
Caltech	0-18		
Tennis		Tennis	
CMS	10-0	Pomona-Pitzer	7-1
Redlands	8-2	CMS	9-2
Cal Lutheran	8-4	Redlands	8-3
Pomona-Pitzer	6-4	Occidental	4-4
Occidental	5-5	LaVerne	2-4
Whittier	2-8	Caltech	1-8
LaVerne	2-8	Cal Lutheran	1-7
Caltech	1-9	Whittier	0-5
*Golf		Water Polo	
LaVerne	302	Pomona-Pitzer	0-0
Redlands	304	CMS	6-2
CMS	304	Redlands	5-2
Cal Lutheran	314	Cal Lutheran	4-3
Occidental	330	Occidental	3-4
Pomona-Pitzer	345	Whittier	3-4
Whittier	NS	LaVerne	1-6
		Caltech	0-7



\*As of April 16